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Lufthansa Cargo opens Pharma Facilities in Munich and Chicago

Worldwide storage capacity for temperature-sensitive freight is being massively expanded

After a construction period of only five months, the new "Lufthansa Cargo Pharma Hub Munich" has opened at Munich Airport. It offers space for up to 96 pallets and loose cargo in two different temperature ranges (+2 to +8 °C and +15 to +25 °C) and a freezer (down to -18 °C) on almost 1000 square

metres and on several levels.

"With the new Pharma-Hub at our hub in Munich, we have created a state-of-the-art infrastructure for temperature-sensitive freight that will guarantee our customers even higher transport quality for their pharma shipments in the future. Particularly in the context of the corona pandemic, the relevance of stable supply chains and fast transport of medicines or vaccines has once again been demonstrated," explained Harald Gloy, Lufthansa Cargo Board Member Operations. In addition to him, Ola Hansson, Lufthansa Hub CEO Munich, and Jost Lammers, Chairman of Flughafen München GmbH, were also present during the opening ceremony.

A CEIV Pharma-certification by the International Air Transport Association of the new Pharma-Hub in Munich is planned for this fall. This will also be the first pharma-certification by the aviation association at Munich Airport. As a global standard, the certification demonstrates that the facility meets strict criteria for the proper handling and storage of pharmaceutical shipments.

In addition to the new capacities for temperature-sensitive cargo at the southern German hub, Lufthansa Cargo is also expanding these capacities in the United States. The Lufthansa Cargo Pharma Center Chicago at O'Hare Airport was opened there in June. Since the middle of the year, the 750 square metre facility has been providing space on several levels for up to 54 pallets and 102 cool containers in two different temperature ranges (+2 to +8 °C and +15 to 25 °C) and in a freezer (down to -18 °C).

Most of the pharmaceutical shipments carried by Lufthansa Cargo are handled at the Frankfurt hub. There, the "Lufthansa Cargo Pharma Hub Frankfurt" was last extended by around two-thirds to 8,000 square metres in 2018. It was one of the first Pharma Cool Centres in the world to be CEIV Pharma-certified. By the end of 2020, Lufthansa Cargo's worldwide network is expected to comprise 31 CEIV Pharma-certified pharma stations. In addition, this CEIV network is being continuously expanded.

In the picture from left to right: Johannes Zinkl, Lufthansa Cargo Head of Hub Management Munich, Ola Hansson, Lufthansa Hub CEO Munich, Harald Gloy, Lufthansa Cargo Board Member Operations, Jost Lammers, Chairman of Flughafen München GmbH

Lufthansa Cargo AG

With a turnover of 2.5 billion euros and 8.9 billion revenue tonne-kilometres in 2019, Lufthansa Cargo is one of the world's leading companies in the transport of air freight. The company currently employs about 4,500 people worldwide. Lufthansa Cargo focuses on the airport-to-airport business. The cargo carrier serves around 300 destinations in more than 100 countries with its own fleet of freighters, the belly capacities of passenger aircraft operated by Lufthansa German Airlines, Austrian Airlines, Brussels Airlines, Eurowings and SunExpress, and an extensive road feeder service network. The bulk of the cargo business is routed through Frankfurt Airport. Lufthansa Cargo is a wholly owned Lufthansa subsidiary of Deutsche Lufthansa AG and Lufthansa Group's logistics specialist.

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