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Lufthansa Cargo starts IATA Proof of Concept for eDGD together with Dakosy community collaboration platform

Major step towards paperless air cargo handling.

eDGD is the digital approach to manage the IATA Dangerous Goods Declaration (DGD). It is a major step towards paperless air cargo handling, and enables Shipper, Forwarder and Carrier to manage the transportation of Dangerous Goods without paper documentation.

Lufthansa Cargo is a major driver of the standardization of eDGD. Together

with Air France, Swiss WorldCargo and Cargologic and facilitated by IATA, the eDGD standard has been set up and aligned on since early 2017. eDGD is a project driven by the industry. Digitizing the DGD requires cooperation of stakeholders like Shipper, Forwarder, Carrier, GHA and third party providers. Their collaboration to a data platform is essential to ensure compliance and benefits for all partners.

Now this project enters the Proof of Concept phase with implementations in Frankfurt, Paris and Zürich. In Frankfurt, the platform operator Dakosy implemented an eDGD platform, “Infr8-eDGD”, as dangerous goods collaboration platform for shipper and forwarder in close collaboration with Lufthansa Cargo. This platform will be the basis for the eDGD process supported by Lufthansa Cargo.

eDGD is based on a modern data sharing approach using supply chain community platforms and is compliant to the current IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations. eDGD brings an improved collaboration between all stakeholders of the supply chain with more transparency and traceability. Clearly defined data governance and increased data quality along the Dangerous Good supply chain will improve the process efficiency and reduce errors and delays.

Dr. Jan-Wilhelm Breithaupt, Vice President Global Handling: “eDGD is one important component of Lufthansa Cargo’s digitization strategy to provide a holistic digital environment for our customers. Only when all stakeholders of the supply chain find benefits in the solution, digitization will be successful on such a large scale. This was taken into account for the eDGD standard, and we’re happy to perform the Pilot project with industry partners in our hub in Frankfurt.”

Lufthansa Cargo AG

Lufthansa Cargo ranks among the world’s leading air freight carriers. In the 2017 business year, the airline transported around 1.6 million tonnes of freight and mail and sold 8.9 billion revenue tonne-kilometres. 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, Austrian Airlines and Eurowings, 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.

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