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Good Distribution Practices

GDP certification for LuxairCARGO: Luxembourg airfreight platform enhanced

The Findel airport has been rendered even more attractive with the commissioning of LuxairCARGO's Pharma and Healthcare Hub last April. Around 21,000 tonnes of pharmaceutical products were processed there in 2013 - a result that is perfectly in line with the expectations. With its GDP (Good Distribution Practices) certification, LuxairCARGO is now expecting a volume of 30,000 tonnes in 2014.

To support the growth of the air logistics sector, an investment of four million euros in state-of-the-art infrastructure and the training of 750 staff were necessary to drive the Cargocenter's new pharmaceutical wing.

In addition, LuxairCARGO can now claim to be the first GDP-certified freight handler for the entire Luxembourg logistics platform, which gathers under one roof the air carriers, road hauliers and intermediaries. The GDP certification incorporates all the official recommendations and guidelines concerning the transportation and distribution of pharmaceutical products for human use and represents a real added value for all the stakeholders in the logistics chain and their customers.

In an increasingly regulated sector, the GDP quality label guarantees the final recipient the integrity of the pharmaceutical products will be maintained during their transportation and storage at airports. It also draws the attention of distributors to the fact that a lack of monitoring of temperatures may lead to the altering of the products' effectiveness.

LuxairCARGO's new certification will enhance the Luxembourg logistics platform and its dedicated pharmaceutical centre. Its setting up was supported by a substantial commitment from the Ministry of the Economy and the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructures.

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