# 07.06.2017|AirBridgeCargo joins Pharma Gateway Amsterdam

*AirBridgeCargo Airlines (ABC) has joined Pharma Gateway Amsterdam (PGA) as part of its commitment to enhance its service offering for pharmaceutical customers globally.*



PGA was formed in March 2016 to provide transparency and quality within the pharma air cargo supply chain and ABC is only the second airline to join the initiative. PGA members benefit from regular knowledge sharing sessions organised by Schiphol Cargo to facilitate co-operation between the different players in the cool chain.

AirBridgeCargo operates 22 flights per week from Amsterdam to significant pharma destinations in Europe, Asia, and the United States, including Moscow, Chicago, Shanghai, and Singapore. Last year, it was the first airline in Russia and only the seventh in the world to achieve IATA Center of Excellence

for Independent Validators in Pharmaceutical Logistics (CEIV Pharma) certification, which is one of the requirements for all PGA members. It has also invested in a modern Boeing 747-8F cargo fleet with advanced onboard temperature-control capabilities.

“AirBridgeCargo Airlines is proud to be the second airline to join PGA, Schiphol Cargo Community’s quality pharma initiative,” said Henk-Jan van Keulen, ABC’s Country Manager in the Netherlands. “We see high potential for Schiphol to become one of our main airports for pharma flows so an initiative like PGA is of great value to us and our customers. Within PGA the Schiphol Cargo Community is mutually developing the required logistic chain in order to provide pharma shippers and consignees with the best possible product.”

The airline’s decision to join PGA has the full support of its Global Pharma Director, Andrey Andreev, as well as ABC’s Regional Pharma Manager, Alexander Treber.

Jonas van Stekelenburg, Head of Cargo at Amsterdam Airport Schiphol, said: “The Cargo Community at Amsterdam is committed to supporting and developing an efficient and transparent pharma cool chain that will continue to contribute to the high quality offered at Schiphol. We look forward to the input AirBridgeCargo Airlines will bring.”

PGA members also include Cyberfreight Pharma Logistics, Yusen Logistics Benelux, GEFCO Forwarding Netherlands, VCK Logistics Airfreight, SGS, Air France KLM Martinair Cargo, Swissport Cargo Services, dnata, Worldwide Flight Services (WFS), Nouwens Transport Breda, De Jong Special Services, Jan de Rijk Logistics, and DJ Middelkoop.

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