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Media Release

Cargolux successfully renews GDP certification

Luxembourg, 30 March 2018 – Cargolux Airlines successfully passed its GDP Surveillance Audit, validating its GDP certification for another year and attesting that the company’s management system fulfills the requirements of the EU directive ‘Guidelines on Good Distribution Practice of Medicinal Products for Human Use’ and of WHO guidelines. Cargolux became the world’s first GDP certified airline in January 2014, confirming its compliance with EU GDP/WHO requirements and Cargolux’s dedication to operate a consistent quality management system across the transportation process.

Cargolux’s hub at Luxembourg airport as well as 12 other stations within its network are also GDP and/or CEIV Pharma certified via its subcontracted service partners, the ground handling agents. The expertise of the handling agents on the ground, the dedication and skill of the Cargolux staff along with the commitment to excel customers’ service expectation during transportation have all contributed to achieve the certification.

The GDP certification plays a key role in assuring the quality and the integrity of the transportation and distribution of medicinal products for human use. “GDP Certification ensures best practice policies are upheld in the handling and transportation of this sensitive cargo.” says Franco Nanna, Cargolux Director Global Logistics Services and also Chairman of IATA’s Time and Temperature Working Group. “Along with the temperature controlled zones onboard the aircraft, this certification represents additional peace of mind for our customers whose satisfaction is our key priority”.

The GDP certification program centers on the use of sophisticated, specialized equipment, well established pharmaceutical working procedures and continuously improving pharmaceutical handling expertise. “The demand for specialized transportation of pharmaceuticals has risen considerably over the past few years and Cargolux’s dedicated product CV Pharma is in increasing demand. There is growing market interest for these products in South America and Africa although the majority of the supply is still flown from Europe to North America, North East Asia and the Gulf region”, says Stavros Evangelakakis, Global Product Manager for CV Pharma.

About Cargolux Airlines International

Cargolux, based in Luxembourg, is Europe’s leading all-cargo airline with a modern and efficient fleet composed of 14 Boeing 747-8 freighters and 13 Boeing 747-400 freighters. The Cargolux worldwide network covers 90 destinations, some 70 of which are served on scheduled all-cargo flights. The company

has more than 85 offices in over 50 countries, and operates an extensive global trucking network to more than 250 destinations as well as full and part-charter services. Cargolux also offers third-party maintenance at its modern two-bay maintenance hangar in Luxembourg. The company is specialized in B747 line and hangar maintenance up to and including C-Checks. It offers a range of specialized maintenance services and holds line maintenance approval for B777 aircraft. Cargolux employs over 1,500 staff worldwide.

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