

## **Qatar Airways Cargo Joins Pharma. Aero**

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Qatar Airways Cargo becomes a member of Pharma. Aero, a worldwide platform catered to excellence in pharma transportation, effective 5 July 2021.

Both organisations share a common goal of achieving excellence in reliable end-toend air transportation for pharma shippers. Through the membership, the airline will also participate in Pharma. Aero's board meetings and focus groups to contribute its expertise.

The non-profit organisation with its headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, brings added value for the shipper by placing them as strategic priorities of Pharma. Aero, providing insights into the capabilities of the air cargo industry, as well as facilitating direct collaboration with the different air cargo stakeholders in the supply chain.

Guillaume Halleux, Chief Officer Cargo at Qatar Airways said, "Collaboration is vital to strengthen the pharma supply chain integrity. The full membership with Pharma.Aero will allow us to share and receive market knowledge and also collaborate with different air cargo stakeholders in the supply chain which will ultimately lead to continuous improvement of life science, medtech and the pharma air cargo supply chain. We look forward to collaborating with Pharma.Aero members and excel in offering a reliable end-to-end air transport and seamless cool chain."

Nathan De Valck, Chairman of Pharma. Aero, said, "In the past months, though they were volatile for the entire industry, we expanded our global network and raised awareness of the need for global collaboration within the industry. The onboarding of Qatar Airways Cargo – one of the world's leading cargo carriers – underlines our worldwide impact as a neutral collaboration platform for the global air cargo industry and pharma and life science sector."

Qatar Airways Cargo has invested considerably in quality handling, infrastructure, digitalisation, facilities, people and procedures at each of its 85+ pharma stations including the Doha hub, adhering to high operating standards for transporting temperature-controlled products.

It was awarded IATA's Centre of Excellence for Independent Validators (CEIV) certification in pharmaceutical logistics in December last year.

(Qatar Airways Cargo)