

## NEWS RELEASE

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# WFS SUPPORTS GROUPE ADP INITIATIVE TO OBTAIN IATA CEIV PHARMA CERTIFICATION AT PARIS CHARLES DE GAULLE AIRPORT



**Worldwide Flight Services (WFS) is supporting Groupe ADP's initiative, in collaboration with the International Air Transport Association (IATA), to help cargo operators at Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport to achieve IATA's Center of Excellence for Independent Validators in Pharmaceutical Logistics (CEIV Pharma) certification.**

IATA created this certification with the aim of guaranteeing a global standard based on international regulations for the shipping of pharmaceutical products and involving all service providers in the air cargo supply chain. The certification has since established itself as the benchmark in the shipping of pharmaceuticals, which requires

strict adherence to cold chain integrity requirements.

Paris-Charles de Gaulle is Europe's leading airport for cargo with 2.2 million tonnes handled in 2015. Air France Cargo and Bolloré Logistics are now certified and committed to promoting the community initiative. Group ADP

says a CEIV Pharma-certified supply chain will bolster the position of Paris-Charles de Gaulle as a major airport in the shipping of pharmaceutical products.

WFS is one of seven major service providers moving forward with IATA CEIV at the airport.

Groupe ADP said the companies making this commitment to CEIV Pharma will have "a valuable asset to increase the flow of shipments in the area of pharmaceutical products. The majority of participating firms are expected to obtain individual certification by the end of the year,



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which will reinforce the attractiveness of Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport.”

Pharmaceuticals represent one of the fastest-growing air cargo commodities with a projected economic impact estimated at over \$10 billion worldwide by 2018.

Groupe ADP is leading efforts in the community and providing active and financial support along the way, reaffirming its unifying role for cargo players at Paris-Charles de Gaulle

Airport. The initiative is also approved and supported by industry professionals and organisations such as the Union TLF Overseas (Transport et Logistique de France [the French federation of transport and logistics companies]), the Comité Interprofessionnel du Fret (Cross-industry cargo committee - CIF), and the Syndicat des Compagnies Aériennes de Fret en France (Union of French cargo airlines - SYCAFF).

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#### **About WFS**

Founded in 1971, WFS ([www.wfs.aero](http://www.wfs.aero)) is the world's largest cargo handler and a leading global provider of ground handling and technical services with annual revenues of €1 billion. It employs 18,000 staff and is present at 188 major airports in more than 22 countries on five continents, serving 50 million passengers and handling over four million tonnes of cargo per annum for 300 airline customers.

#### **About Group ADP**

Groupe ADP builds, develops and manages airports, including Paris-Charles de Gaulle, Paris-Orly and Paris-Le Bourget. In 2015, Groupe ADP handled more than 95 million passengers and 2.2 million metric tonnes of freight and mail at Paris-Charles de Gaulle and Paris-Orly, and more than 55 million passengers at airports abroad through its subsidiary ADP Management. Boasting an exceptional geographic location and a major catchment area, the Group is pursuing its strategy of adapting and modernising its terminal facilities and upgrading quality of services; the Group also intends to develop its retail and real estate businesses. In 2015, Group revenue stood at €2,916 million and net income at €430 million.