



## **DHL Global Forwarding is the first organization to achieve IATA CEIV Li-batt certification in the United Kingdom**

- DHL Global Forwarding UK is recognized for its operational excellence in this area, confirming compliance with safe packing, handling and shipment of lithium batteries by air.
- The UK is also the first DHL Global Forwarding country to receive this certification, with others to follow

**Bonn, London, 7 December 2022:** This month, DHL Global Forwarding, the air and ocean freight specialist of Deutsche Post DHL Group, has become the first organization in the United Kingdom to be certified as an International Air Transport Association (IATA) Center of Excellence for Independent Validators Lithium Batteries (CEIV Li-batt).

The certification covers six sites - Birmingham, Glasgow, London, Luton, Manchester and Purfleet - and follows a rigorous certification process across these locations over several months, which included training for employees, as well as an on-site assessment and audit process.

“The certification of our DHL Global Forwarding UK operations is only a first step. We are already working on auditing and certifying other key facilities in our global air freight network. Electrification of the mobility sector is gaining momentum with lithium-ion batteries playing a key role. We gained a lot of expertise and know-how during the certification process and it will help us to provide first-class and highly secure transportation and storage services throughout our extensive global network,” says Thomas Mack, Global Head of Air Freight at DHL Global Forwarding.

Lithium batteries have become the preferred energy source to power a wide variety of consumer goods, ranging from mobile phones to children's toys to cars and e-bikes. However, they are classed as dangerous goods that can pose a safety risk if not prepared in accordance with transport regulations.

“We congratulate DHL Global Forwarding UK in becoming the first logistics company in the UK to achieve CEIV Lithium Battery certification. The lithium battery market is growing exponentially, we need to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system to meet demand. Having one of the largest players in the forwarding sector in the UK support the CEIV Lithium Battery program is a significant boost towards ensuring the safe carriage of products containing lithium batteries. It gives shippers the assurance that these are being transported with the highest safety standards,” says Frederic Leger,



Senior Vice President Commercial Products and Services, International Air Transport Association (IATA).

CEIV Li-batt has been introduced in response to concerns from within the aviation industry about a lack of awareness of the danger lithium batteries pose, and an increasing number of incidents of intentionally mis-declared and non-compliant lithium batteries in cargo shipments. It establishes baseline standards to improve the level of competency and quality management in the handling and carriage of lithium batteries throughout the supply chain.

“We are incredibly proud that DHL Global Forwarding is the first organization in the United Kingdom to receive this certification,” says Paul Chinery, Vice President Air Freight at DHL Global Forwarding in the UK. “As the leading global brand in the logistics industry, we strive to be at the forefront of both safety and innovation. Being the first DHL Global Forwarding country to receive this certification, as well as the first organization in the UK, clearly demonstrates our commitment to a safety first culture and will hopefully lead to our fellow countries, competitors and other industry stakeholders following our lead. As holders of this certification, we can be truly recognized for our operational excellence in this area, while continuing to reduce the risks associated with the transportation and handling of lithium battery shipments around the world.”

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