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## **SAS Cargo achieves CEIV certification and launches new pharma services.**

**STOCKHOLM: June 26, 2017. In order to offer further excellence to a growing pharma market and to meet the standards required by the pharmaceutical industry, SAS Cargo has commenced the IATA CEIV certification process of its transport chain and is launching new pharma services.**

SAS Cargo is the leading air cargo carrier to, from, via and within Scandinavia. With its head office placed right in the middle of one of Europe's strongest life science cluster – Medicon Valley – the safe transportation of pharmaceutical products has always been a top priority for SAS Cargo.

Already back in the 1960s, when airfreight was still in its infancy, SAS Cargo provided air freight solutions to strong pharmaceutical brands with international reach.

SAS Cargo is currently undergoing the IATA CEIV validation process to offer robust solutions that ensure the quality and integrity of temperature-sensitive products across its entire transport chain. In all three major hubs in Scandinavia, SAS

Cargo is investing in cooling and controlled room temperature facilities to meet the IATA standards for becoming fully CEIV certified and thereby meeting the highest standards demanded by the pharmaceutical industry.

SAS Cargo, including the first hub – Oslo – expects to be certified this summer and the other major hubs – Copenhagen and Stockholm - are to follow right after.

“The IATA CEIV certification includes procedure training of staff at all stations, an upgrade of all facilities as well as quality management. In addition to making sure our services meet global regulations, we are launching a new pharma product which is developed to offer our customers the ideal environment for handling temperature-sensitive cargo across the entire supply chain in a safe and secure manner,” says Erling Kirkeby, Head of Handling & Quality Management, SAS Cargo.

The new pharma product – SAS Pharma Cargo – offers an additional feature to the pharma shipment, allowing the customer full transparency through the SAS Cargo active GPS monitors. This active tracking device enables SAS Cargo to monitor the shipment; assuring accurate temperature is kept in order to safeguard correct handling. Alarms will be triggered in case of any temperature deviations.

“The Pharmaceutical industry rightly expects high standards and performance when transporting their temperature sensitive goods. We intend to add real value to the needs of the industry. The CEIV certification confirms SAS Cargo’s commitment to continue to develop and offer the highest

possible standards to our customers,” says Leif Rasmussen, President & CEO, SAS Cargo.