

## **Safe handling of air cargo: Vienna Airport receives IATA CEIV certification for lithium batteries**

**New international certification for Vienna Airport: For safety reasons, the handling of air cargo shipments with lithium batteries is subject to particularly high requirements. Vienna International Airport has now received the CEIV certification for lithium batteries from the International Air Transport Association (IATA) for its processes, infrastructure and trained staff. This step underlines Vienna Airport's commitment to meet the growing demand for high-quality handling services for these product groups reliably, quickly and safely.**

"High level of security and service in cargo handling at Vienna Airport: The IATA certification once again confirms our position as a reliable and secure cargo hub in Europe. Vienna Airport is an important cargo hub with shipments from all over the world – we want to further expand this position. To this end, we are continuously expanding our range of services and at the same time contributing to minimize risks in air cargo traffic," explains Julian Jäger, joint CEO and COO of Flughafen Wien AG.

"The new certification shows once again that we are very successful in implementing the highest standards. This is an important step for Vienna Airport and a strong signal to the market. At a time when the demand for lithium batteries is growing rapidly, it is crucial that we as a cargo hub ensure that these products are handled safely and efficiently," says Michael Zach, Senior Vice President Ground Handling & Cargo Operations at Flughafen Wien AG.

**Vienna Airport offers the highest level of expertise and security in the handling of lithium batteries**  
From laptops and mobile phones to electrical appliances of all kinds – lithium batteries are contained in many consumer goods which are distributed by air freight via the Vienna hub to many parts of Europe. If not handled and transported properly, they pose an increased risk due to their chemical properties. The handling of shipments of lithium batteries, which as dangerous goods require special attention in air cargo traffic, is therefore associated with high safety and quality standards. As part of an audit, Vienna Airport has demonstrated that it fulfils all requirements for carrying out these demanding tasks safely and in compliance with regulations.

### **IATA CEIV lithium battery certification – a guarantee for safe transport**

The IATA CEIV Lithium Battery Certification is a globally recognized program specifically designed for the safe transportation of lithium batteries. It ensures that companies transporting lithium batteries meet the highest standards of safety and quality through extensive training, rigorous process controls and regular audits. This certification is not only a sign of compliance with global regulations, but also an important step towards improving safety in the air cargo industry. It helps minimize risk and increase efficiency throughout the supply chain.

### **About Vienna Airport as a cargo hub**

Thanks to its geographically favorable location in Europe, Vienna has positioned itself as an important global cargo hub for Central and Eastern Europe. Vienna Airport is used by leading cargo airlines, especially for intercontinental transport. The airport offers rapid transshipment times based on its 24/7 operational readiness. Ten Category F aircraft parking positions (Boeing 747, Antonov 124) near the terminal buildings are available for air cargo. Vienna Airport is firmly anchored in the European network of air cargo road feeder services. The most important consumer and business centers in Central and Eastern Europe are accessed within 24 or 48 hours. Flughafen Wien AG, which is publicly traded on the Vienna Stock Exchange, is one of the biggest employers in the region, featuring a workforce of more than 5,400 people.

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