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Air France KLM Martinair Cargo ready to transport COVID-19 vaccines

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Air France KLM Martinair Cargo strives to offer a global airfreight network to help keep supply chains running. This has always been essential, but even more so since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, ensuring that healthcare facilities as well as private citizens have access to medicines, medical equipment and personal protective equipment (PPE). Since the start of the crisis, we have gradually rebuilt our network mainly for relief-related shipments. In recent months, we have constantly added new destinations and flights to our network, mainly operating on a cargo-only basis. We have been using our passenger aircraft for cargo charter purposes and have fully utilized our full-freighter fleet. Since the start of the pandemic, we have operated more than 5500 cargo-only flights. AFKLMP Cargo currently offers a network spanning more than 95 long-haul destinations.

Shipping pharma and healthcare products is a core activity for AFKLMP Cargo

In recent years, we have continuously improved our pharma and healthcare-related services by improving processes, training staff and forming dedicated service teams for pharma customers. We have invested in infrastructure at both of our hubs, Paris Charles de Gaulle (CDG) and Amsterdam Schiphol (AMS), and we have fully merged our booking and service options via our digital portal **myCargo**, offering the transparency customers need. Because we realise how important it is to guarantee the required quality, reliability and connectivity throughout supply chains, we not only offer all required infrastructure and capabilities at our CDG and AMS hubs, but also have partnerships with GHAs at all relevant pharma destinations, providing state-of-the-art pharma handling services. Our investment in pharma logistics is paying off and our share in the pharma segment has grown significantly in recent years and months.

GertJan Roelands, SVP of Sales & Distribution at AFKLMP Cargo: *“Shipping pharma and other medical-related goods is one of our core activities and a strategic priority. From the start, we prioritised pharma commercially and operationally. At AFKLMP Cargo, we have a department that is fully dedicated to pharma and healthcare solutions. With this in mind, Air France and KLM were among the first airlines to obtain IATA CEIV certification.”*

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Recently, we have formed a taskforce to define what steps need to be taken to help ship Covid-19 vaccines. Working in close consultation with the pharma industry and related forwarders, we have assessed specific requirements for shipping Covid-19 vaccines. We subsequently adapted our operation in terms of equipment and dedicated monitoring & service, as well as the capacity we offer.

Enrica Calonghi, Global Head of Pharmaceutical Logistics at AFKLM Cargo: *“AFKLM Cargo is ready to play a key role in the distribution of Covid-19 vaccines, thereby helping to ensure that as many people as possible around the globe will have access to vaccines in these challenging times.”*

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About Air France KLM Martinair Cargo

The Air France-KLM Group is a global airline group with a strong European base. Its main areas of business are passenger transport, cargo transport and aeronautical maintenance.

Air France KLM Martinair Cargo is the Air France-KLM Group's dedicated air cargo business. Air France KLM Martinair Cargo is a member of SkyTeam Cargo. Through this alliance we are offering an even larger network coverage.

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