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SWISSPORT EXPANDS CARGO BUSINESS IN VIENNA

Three major air carriers have recently chosen Swissport Cargo Services Austria as their preferred partner for air cargo handling at Vienna's Schwechat Airport. Swissport will provide air cargo logistics for Cargolux, Qatar Airways and Etihad in the Austrian capital.

Swissport Cargo Services Austria has been awarded major cargo contracts by Cargolux, Qatar Airways and Etihad at Vienna airport. The new business increases Swissport's cargo volumes at Vienna Airport by some 20 percent to almost 100,000 tons per year, representing about two percent of Swissport's global cargo volume.

"We are proud to have convinced three leading airlines of our professional logistics services on the ground," says Henning Dieter, Head of Swissport Cargo Services Germany & Austria. "It once again shows, that global airline brands value our professionalism, our efficiency and appreciate the modern infrastructure Swissport provides. Together we will better manage the current challenges the logistics industry is facing across the globe."

The new partnerships have started this week with cargo handling services for Cargolux on routes to and from their hub in Luxemburg. In February, Swissport will extend its cargo handling services to Qatar Airways on seven weekly flights operated with Boeing 787 and Boeing 777 passenger aircraft, temporarily used as freighters due to a shortage of air cargo capacity. The capacity gap was caused by the Covid-19 crisis due to the grounding of a significant number of passenger aircraft. Finally, Swissport will start serving Etihad Airways from March. Etihad will operate Boeing 787 aircraft, currently scheduled up to five times per week between Abu Dhabi and Vienna.

With a workforce of some 75 employees, Swissport is providing air cargo handling for various airlines in Vienna and Graz. In April 2019, Swissport opened a second air cargo warehouse at Vienna International Airport, which has increased the company's total cargo space in Vienna to some 7,000 square meters. Swissport is one of only two air cargo handlers at Vienna International Airport, which have a direct access to the airport apron area.

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