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PHARMAFREIGHT COMBATS TRANSPORT HORROR STORIES WITH GxP TRAINING FOR FREIGHT AGENTS

Pharmafreight, the independent network of freight forwarding agents specialising in the worldwide logistics of healthcare products, is hosting a series of training courses based on the Good Clinical Practice (GxPs) guidelines for its newly appointed overseas partners, designed as part of a programme of measures adopted to get each of these companies approved as being certified to operate under Good Transportation Practice (GTP), the network's own guidelines on storage, handling and transportation of pharmaceutical products.

The concept of Pharmafreight was first established in 2001, designed to create a new type of freight forwarding company specialising in logistics for the pharmaceutical industry. The main difference between Pharmafreight and other logistics companies is its dedication to the running of good pharmaceutical practice within all operations, wherever they are located in the world. Pharmafreight has developed its own *Protocol for the Global Transportation of Pharmaceutical Products*, and the network is now promoting its own recommendations for the good pharmaceutical practice (GxP) range, under the banner of Good Transportation Practice.

And now, after five years spent on developing systems, training courses and researching suitable products and services, Pharmafreight has unveiled a series of GTP training courses to be run in the UK for all of its currently appointed overseas associates. The aim is to appoint at least one person in each company as a Responsible Person, overseeing all the company's procedures and practices to ensure all API's, clinical trials, finished products and raw materials shipped under the care of Pharmafreight arrive at the correct temperature, under the necessary controlled conditions for the products' characteristics.



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Andy Hughes, Pharmafreight's Commercial Director, commented: "We all hear from industry the horror stories of temperature-sensitive goods being shipped without the appropriate controls in place or even goods which don't require any specific temperature ranges being left to fry in tropical conditions on an airport runway. Pharmafreight is a new type of forwarding network designed to combat these problems by appointing specialist pharma logistic operators in every part of the world and providing them with the appropriate training in procedures to carry out such responsibilities.

"One new initiative from Pharmafreight is that a representative from each overseas Pharmafreight office is now required to undertake our GTP training course. This Responsible Person will learn specifically about the pharma industry and the whole myriad of global regulations and guidelines in regards to storage, warehousing and transportation. They will hear specifically about the workings of GDP, EU and FDA regulations, and learn about different packaging and transport solutions which can be made available to clients. Only then will an operation be allowed to trade under the Pharmafreight brand, and offer to move consignments under GTP."

For further information about the GTP guidelines and Pharmafreight's transport Protocol, visit its stand at the CPhI exhibition in Hall 7, numbered 7C55, or visit

www.pharmafreight.com.

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Note to Editors:

Pharmafreight is a new concept in international logistics designed by UK pharmaceutical specialist Mach 2 Shipping Ltd, which formed an affiliation between international forwarding companies each of whom specialised in global logistics for the pharmaceutical industry for both API's and finished products. For a full list of the countries represented visit www.pharmafreight.com