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Bureau Veritas congratulates Emirates SkyCargo on successful distribution of COVID-19 vaccines through GDP certified hub in Dubai

Bureau Veritas, a world leader in testing, inspection and certification, has congratulated Emirates SkyCargo on the rollout of its COVID-19 vaccine distribution initiatives through the airline's state of the art cargo hub in Dubai.

Since 2016, Bureau Veritas has been working with Emirates to conduct yearly audits of the airline's infrastructure and operations at its hub in Dubai in accordance with the European Commission Guidelines on Good Distribution Practice of Pharmaceutical Products for Human Use (GDP). GDP describes the minimum standards that a transporter or distributor must meet to ensure that the quality and integrity of medicines is maintained throughout the supply chain. This is especially relevant to the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines because of their temperature-sensitive nature.

In December 2020, Emirates SkyCargo began the transportation of COVID-19 vaccines across its network through its hub in Dubai. By complying with GDP Guidelines, Emirates SkyCargo ensures control of the transportation process and consequently is able to maintain the quality and the integrity of COVID-19 vaccines during the air transportation process. The compliance with GDP also ensures that, medicines are stored in right conditions during the transportation process and that contamination of shipments is avoided.

Bureau Veritas has extensive experience auditing pharmaceutical suppliers worldwide. Bureau Veritas helps companies to promote social responsibility in every aspect of the supply chain and improve reputation by demonstrating commitment to responsible business practices. Bureau Veritas commends Emirates' determination to maintaining the highest standards for the handling, storage and transportation of all pharmaceutical shipments and remains committed to working with Emirates SkyCargo by sharing best practices for EU GDP certification and audits.

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About Bureau Veritas

Bureau Veritas is a world-leading provider in testing, inspection and certification. Created in 1828, the Group has more than 75, 000 employees located in more than 1,500 offices and laboratories around the globe. Bureau Veritas helps its clients to improve their performance by offering services and innovative solutions in order to ensure that their assets, products, infrastructure and processes meet standards and regulations in terms of quality, health and safety, environmental protection and social responsibility.

Bureau Veritas has been present in the Middle East since more than 50 years and has currently more than 4,000 employees in the region located in more than 50 offices and laboratories in 18 countries.

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