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Hokkaido Airports Co., Ltd.

World's First Among Airport Operating Companies! Hokkaido Airports Obtains IATA CEIV Fresh Certification

Hokkaido Airports Co., Ltd. (hereinafter called "HAP" / Headquarters: Chitose, Hokkaido / President and CEO: Takeshi Gamou) would like to announce that on 6th March 2025, HAP has become the first airport operator in the world to acquire the IATA "CEIV fresh" (※1) International quality certification for the transport of perishable cargo, established by the IATA(※2).

IATA "CEIV Fresh" is the certification program established by IATA in order to improve the quality of the global air cargo delivery and handling for the fresh products. The certification has been awarded to cargo handling at the SIACT (※3) international cargo terminal managed and operated by HAP, as IATA has recognized the quality of handling in compliance with various regulations and rules pertaining to perishable cargo handling and the establishment of a quality management system based on risk assessment.

International air transport of perishable cargo in Hokkaido is closely related to the regional economic development of Hokkaido and the safe eating habits of Hokkaido residents through the export of Hokkaido-produced food products and import of overseas food products.

Also, HAP would like to take this opportunity, making further efforts to provide our customers with more secure and reliable air cargo service for the fresh products at New Chitose Airport.



▲ From left: President Gamo, Representative of IATA Japan Office
Taken at New Chitose Airport International Terminal on April 2, 2025



▲ CEIV Fresh Stamp

(※1) CEIV Fresh

The Center of Excellence for Independent Validators in Perishable Logistics. An international certification program for the air transport of perishable goods, established by IATA.

(※2) IATA

IATA stands for International Air Transport Association, an organization that represents the world's airlines. IATA supports airlines' activities and helps the growth of international trade.

(※3) SIACT

SIACT stands for Sapporo International Air Cargo Terminal. It is the only international air cargo terminal, which is located in New Chitose Airport.

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CEIV certification as defined by IATA

Types of CEIV certification

CEIV Fresh (transport of perishable goods)

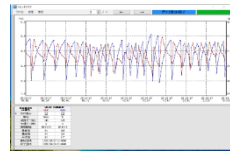
CEIV Pharma (transport of pharmaceuticals)

CEIV Lithium Batteries

CEIV Live Animals

Examples of our actions in CEIV Fresh certification (extract)

- Training and human resources development
 - : Participation in education and training based on HACCP (Hygiene Assurance Control Methods for Food Safety) and implementation of ripple education within and outside the company
- Temperature control and monitoring
 - : A monitoring system for cold storage has been introduced and strict temperature control has been established.
- Re-establishment of procedures for handling fresh cargo
 - : Establishment of a quality management system and unification of work procedures specifically for fresh cargo.
- Appropriateness of facilities and equipment
 - : Further reinforcement of cold storage facility operations, taking into account the characteristics of perishable cargo and Hokkaido's weather conditions.



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This certification confirms that SIACT practices high standards in handling, quality management and employee training in freight forwarding.

<Takeshi Gamo, President and CEO of Hokkaido Airports Co., Ltd.>

「With this certification, the company is now able to offer high quality in the transport of perishable goods, Hokkaido's main product. In the future, the company will contribute to the economic development of Hokkaido by meeting the diversifying needs of customers, including not only perishable goods but also semiconductors.」

<Dr. Xie Xingquan, IATA's Regional Vice President for North Asia and Asia Pacific

(ad interim).>

「We congratulate Hokkaido Airport on achieving CEIV Fresh certification. This milestone is a testament to their commitment to quality control and adherence to global best practices in managing temperature-sensitive shipments. As the sole operator of the international air cargo terminal in Hokkaido, their role is crucial in supporting the local economy by ensuring reliable access to fresh food through both the export of local products and the import of essential goods.」