INFORMATION NOTICE: IATA STANDARD ACCEPTANCE CHECKLIST FOR TIME AND TEMPERATURE SENSITIVE HEALTHCARE SHIPMENTS MANDATORY 1 JULY 2013

Standard Acceptance Checklist for Time and Temperature Sensitive Healthcare Shipments

Effective 1st July 2013 the Acceptance Checklist Requirements for Time and Temperature Sensitive Healthcare Shipments will become mandatory for the transportation of healthcare cargo shipments.

To assist shippers, agents and airlines to prepare shipments for air carriage, the IATA Live Animals and Perishables Board (LAPB) has developed a basic "IATA Acceptance Check List for Time and Temperature Sensitive Healthcare Shipments", available hereto.

The purpose of the IATA Standard Acceptance Check List is to inform airlines and ground handling agents of the minimum checks that must be performed when temperature sensitive healthcare shipments are presented to ensure that the requirements have been complied with. In case of any discrepancy, the appropriate internal escalation procedure would have to be followed.

The check requirements listed on the IATA standard acceptance checklist can be integrated into an existing airline and ground handling agent's checklist, if these are not already included. In the case there is no checklist for temperature sensitive healthcare shipments available, then the IATA acceptance checklist for time and temperature sensitive healthcare shipments can be used as a basis to establish one.

The decision to implement the new checklist resulted from a collective recommendation supported by the Time and Temperature Task Force and Working Group members, and was endorsed by the IATA Live Animals and Perishables Board.

The requirements will be included in the new IATA Perishable Cargo Regulations (PCR) 13th Edition. A 6 month transitional period, ending 31 December 2013, will be established to allow the industry to implement, execute and comply with the requirements..

Standard "Time and Temperature Sensitive" label

The time and temperature sensitive label is a shipment label, specific to the healthcare industry that must be affixed to shipments booked as time and temperature sensitive cargo.

(The temperature indicated on the lower half of the label must match the approved transportation temperature range, e.g. +15ºC to +25ºC)

The initial booking is the key step to successful cargo transportation and will trigger the specific and/or appropriate handling and operational processes associated with healthcare transport and/or logistics. The label only supports the booking, thus the transportation temperature range specified on the label must match the transportation temperature range stated on the Air Waybill, Service Level Agreement (SLA) and/or Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).

The standard transportation label is the first step in identifying minimum mandatory requirements. Today, different checklists are used that are not always complying with healthcare requirements.

Thus, to ensure tasks are carried out in a consistent way, a standardization of this process throughout the industry is a must.

Using the time and temperature sensitive label requirements in conjunction with a standard acceptance checklist for time and temperature Sensitive Healthcare Shipments will ensure consistency and full completion of the process.

Working towards international standards

IATA's aim is to ensure the integrity of the time and temperature sensitive healthcare shipments and that the air cargo supply chain is prepared to handle the demands of these healthcare shipments. It is imperative that airlines, ground handling agents and other stakeholders in the supply chain – including freight forwarders, terminal operators, ULD manufacturers, packaging and tracking and tracing companies – are familiar with both the regulations and the appearance of the label.

To achieve this, IATA has followed a supply chain approach and has listened to the healthcare industry requiring a standalone healthcare regulation.

IATA has developed the first edition of the "Temperature Control Regulations" (TCR), which is based on the requirements of the current IATA Perishable Cargo Regulations (PCR), an industry recognized standard for the efficient and adequate shipping of time and temperature sensitive products. The TCR replicates the chapter dealing with the packaging, labelling, handling of pharmaceutical products and the chapter on healthcare logistics (PCR Chapter 17) and will be made available at the same time as the PCR.

Further information is available on the IATA website using the following link: http://www.iata.org/whatwedo/cargo/pharma/Pages/index.aspx

The Standard Acceptance Checklist for Time and Temperature Sensitive Healthcare Shipments is available hereafter.

IATA ACCEPTANCE CHECKLIST FOR TIME AND TEMPERATURE SENSITIVE HEALTHCARE SHIPMENTS

Air Waybill No: _____ Origin: _____ Destination: _____

SOP No (where applicable): _____

Note 1: Answer "not applicable" only where an N/A box is provided.
Note 2: If any question is answered "NO", the appropriate internal escalation procedure should be followed.

		YES	NO	N/A
A.	**Air Waybill**			
1.	Single temperature range indicated on Air Waybill	☐	☐	
2.	24 hours emergency contact number(s)	☐	☐	
B.	**Temperature Checks**			
1.	Shipment delivered on temperature controlled truck	☐	☐	
C.	**Shipment / Labelling**			
1.	IATA Time & Temp. Sensitive Label affixed or pre-printed on the shipment	☐	☐	
2.	Temperature range in Celsius on the label matching the temperature range stated on the Air Waybill	☐	☐	
D.	**Active Temperature Controlled Container (ACT)**			☐
1.	ACT container check sheet completed & placed in container pouch	☐	☐	
E.	**Comments**			

Checked by:

Name: _____ Place: _____

Date/Time: _____ Signature: _____

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