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Fresh certification for Changi airport

The airfreight community of Singapore's main airport aims to improve its handling of perishables



Credit: Changi Airport Group

Changi Airport Group (CAG) will head up a group perusing a new certification, set to strengthen the airport's ability to handle fresh produce and other perishable cargo.

The group will be the first in South-East Asia to undergo the International Air Transport Association's (IATA) Centre of Excellence for Independent Validators for Perishable Logistics (CEIV Fresh) certification.

Joining CAG in the process will be the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore, Enterprise Singapore and Workforce Singapore, plus the airfreight community including the likes of dnata Singapore and Singapore Airlines.

The enhancement of the community's perishables handling capabilities will be completed with the aim of giving shippers greater confidence to use Changi Airport as a preferred hub for their time and temperature-sensitive shipments.

Perishable cargo represents about 13 per cent (by volume) of Changi's total airfreight exports and imports with Australia, Norway and India sending and receiving the most cargo.

Lim Ching Kiat, CAG's managing director of air hub development said: "Although the air cargo industry has slowed down globally, it is now

even more important for the Changi air cargo community to be connected and build a stronger partnership through collaboration.

"As a community, we can leverage synergies and co-create new solutions. This will enable the Singapore air cargo hub to strengthen our competitive edge and better serve our customers globally."