

# IATA CEIV LIVE ANIMALS, ANIMAL SAFETY AND WELFARE IN AIR TRANSPORT

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## **ABSTRACT**

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) is the trade association for the world's airlines, representing some 290 airlines or 82% of total air traffic. We support many areas of aviation activity and help formulate industry policy on critical aviation issues.

The value of goods carried by air is expected to exceed \$6.2 trillion in 2018. Airlines transport over 52 million metric tons of goods a year, representing more than 35% of global trade by value but less than 1% of world trade by volume.

One of the areas of cargo in which IATA drives initiatives are standard-setting activities for Special Cargo commodities, such as Pharmaceuticals, Live Animals and Perishables. Animal transportation by air is considered to be the most humane and expedient method of transportation over long distances. However, it doesn't come without its challenges which are due to the very specific requirements that supply chain stakeholders need to abide by to ensure animal safety and welfare while being transported by air.

The industry has voiced concerns over non-compliance with handling and transport practices, along with the need to reinforce training requirements and create visibility for best players who adhere to regulations. Not following requirements can lead to consequences such as additional stress, injury and even death of animals.

Driven by industry standards, the Center of Excellence for Independent Validators (CEIV) for Live Animals Logistics establishes baseline standards to improve the level of competency, infrastructure and quality management in the handling and transportation of live animals throughout the supply chain. The IATA CEIV Live Animals program was launched in 2018 to support the harmonization of standards pertaining to live animal transport and to enforce compliance with the IATA Live Animals Regulations (LAR).

Standardizing processes and procedures related to live animal handling and transport gives the customer and the industry more certainty and assurance in the effective and efficient execution of the live animal transport operation by all supply chain members involved. CEIV Live Animals increases the level of professionalism in the air freight industry and guarantees that certified companies are complying with the LAR ensuring animal welfare.