

IATA CARGO EXPERTS CONFERENCE

**Budapest, Hungary
23-24 September 2026**

SAFETY & SECURITY PROGRAM



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**Three dynamic,
specialized tracks**

CARGO PHARMA & OPERATIONS

This two-day track will focus on the operational excellence and regulatory requirements of air cargo, with a particular emphasis on the safe, compliant, and efficient transport of pharmaceutical products by air. The program will explore end-to-end cargo operations, including ground handling, temperature-controlled logistics, quality management systems, risk mitigation, and contingency planning. Through expert presentations, case studies, and interactive discussions, participants will gain practical insights into industry standards, emerging operational challenges, and best practices for maintaining product integrity across complex global air cargo supply chains.

SAFETY & SECURITY

The Safety & Security agenda will focus on current and emerging threats, information sharing, and global oversight, to equip participants with actionable insights to strengthen risk assessment across air cargo supply chains. Through expert presentations and interactive discussions, the program will address critical topics such as geopolitical risk, the growing challenges of dangerous goods detection, the need for digital transformation and examining how the industry can further improve data quality, compliance, and efficiency.

DIGITAL CARGO

The Digital Track will explore how the air cargo industry can transform digital ambition into operational execution in an increasingly dynamic and interconnected world. This track will bring together airlines, freight forwarders, ground handlers, technology providers, and regulators to discuss practical implementation of digital solutions that enhance efficiency, transparency, resilience, and collaboration across the cargo supply chain. Through real-world case studies and interactive discussions, sessions will focus on topics such as ONE Record adoption, API-driven connectivity, AI and automation, cargo visibility, data quality, interoperability, and sustainability enabled through digitalization, while highlighting how industry standards and collaboration initiatives such as Cargo iQ are helping move the industry from innovation pilots to scalable operational reality.

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09:00 – 09:15	Opening remarks Christian Piaget, Head Cargo Border Management & Claims, IATA
09:15 – 09:40	Threat assessment and information sharing Presentation on the circularity of information sharing to inform risk assessment across the supply chain.
09:40 – 10:05	Drugs smuggling and the nexus with security Presentation on leveraging public-private partnership to enhance narcotics detection in air cargo supply chains. Ms Asma Fakhri, Drug Control and Crime Prevention Officer, United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime
10:05 - 10:30	Information sharing and threat assessment The challenge for a dispersed supply chain. J. C. Nolan, Vice President of Security- Americas, Worldwide Flight Services
10:30 – 11:00	NETWORKING BREAK
11:00 – 11:20	Overview on airspace risk Joel Gulhane, Director of Intelligence Operations, Dragonfly
11:20 – 12:30	Geopolitical upheaval and airspace risk A discussion on the foundations of conflict zone and airspace risk assessment with a focus on air cargo operations in a fragmented world. Moderator: Joel Gulhane, Director of Intelligence Operations, Dragonfly Panelists: Matt Fleming, Head of Aviation & Corporate Security, Qantas Other panelists tbc

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12:30 – 14:00

NETWORKING LUNCH

14:00 – 15:30

Audience-driven interactive session on Dangerous Goods detection

Exploring the real-world opportunities and challenges of Dangerous Goods detection and interdiction across the supply chain, with dynamic audience engagement.

Facilitators:

Nick Lawrence-Taylor, Senior Manager Air Cargo Security, IATA
Ben Firkins, Head Cargo Safety and Dangerous Goods, IATA
Nicolas Ouakli, Cargo & Mail Screening Equipment – Global Solution Manager, CEIA

15h30 – 16:00

NETWORKING BREAK

16:00 – 16:10

e-CSD overview

Introduction to the foundational e-Consignment Security Declaration framework.

Nick Lawrence-Taylor, Senior Manager Air Cargo Security, IATA

16:10 – 16:25

Driving e-CSD adoption

Presentation on the path to enhanced efficiency, data accuracy and compliance with consignment security declarations

Clarence Li, Cargo Security and Compliance Manager, Cathay Pacific

16:25 – 16:45

ONE Record implementation for Customs/Security agencies

Update and lessons learned in the deployment of the current pilot using ONE Record for the Canadian Pre-load Air Cargo Targeting (PACT) Program.

Russel Gauthier, Program Officer, Transport Canada

JOINT SESSION WITH DIGITAL

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16:45 – 17:30

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Driving digitalization across the supply chain: The safety & security perspective

This panel will examine the need to advance digitization across the air cargo sector with a focus on safety and security. It will explore the opportunities, challenges, and benefits of digital transformation, and consider what is needed to ensure air cargo remains resilient, efficient, and ready for the future.

Moderator: Charles Marrale, CEO, Exfreight

Panelists:

Tanguy Bullier, Director of Security, SATS

Russel Gauthier, Program Officer, Transport Canada

Clarence Li, Cargo Security & Compliance Manager, Cathay Pacific

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09:00 – 09:25

Lithium batteries in the cargo supply chain. Who is the weakest link?

An examination of the parties in the supply chain, from manufacturer to end consumer, and the roles that they play in strengthening, or weakening, aviation safety.

Dr Emily Brimsek, UL Standards and Engagement

09:25 – 09:35

Undeclared Lithium Batteries in Cargo and Mail Supply Chains

This presentation will explore the practical experience of detecting, managing and reducing undeclared lithium batteries in cargo and mail.

Meltem Kerimoğlu Amil, Cargo Safety Tracking Supervisor, Turkish Cargo

09:35 – 10:30

Finding the answer to a safer supply chain – It's not "somebody else's problem"

Join our panel of regulators and supply chain partners in exploring the limitations (financial, regulatory and operational) to strengthening the cargo supply chain.

Moderator:

James Wyatt, General Manager, aeroconcept

Panelists

Dr Emily Brimsek, UL Standards and Engagement

Meltem Kerimoğlu Amil, Cargo Safety Tracking Supervisor, Turkish Cargo

Remko Dardenne, Head of Air Operations, Belgian Civil Aviation Authority

Teun Muller, Aviation (Cyber) Security & Dangerous Goods Advisor, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management

10:30 – 11:00

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11:00 – 12:00

Safer cargo terminals – managing Dangerous Goods through an airport facilitated, trust-based ecosystem

This presentation will look into a number of airports which have actively adopted an approach of working with their supply chain partners to build confidence and trust in reducing undeclared and mis-declared dangerous goods.

Moderator

Panelists

Rachel Poon, Cargo Safety and Dangerous Goods Manager, Cathay Cargo

Adrián Palágyi, Cargo Development Manager, Budapest Airport

12:00 – 12:30

The Future of Lithium Batteries....?

The safe transport of Lithium Batteries seems to have been a perennial series of small incremental steps that have been taking place over the last 1½ decades. Are we about to witness a significant step forward in lithium battery safety? This presentation will reveal the work of the UN, and complexity that is going into delivering a safer world tomorrow.

Remko Dardenne, Head of Air Operations, Belgian Civil Aviation Authority

12:30 – 13:30

NETWORKING LUNCH

13:30 – 13:45

JOINT SESSION

Fundamentals of a Secure Supply Chain

The key components of a secure supply chain are critical to achieving a high level of air cargo security. This session will explore best practices, emerging risks, and the role of collaboration in protecting global cargo flows.

Yves Mabbe, Corporate Security Director, Cargolux

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13:45 – 14:05

JOINT SESSION WITH PHARMA & OPS

Pharma in Motion: Balancing Security, Speed and Integrity

An overview of best practices for balancing time-critical delivery, temperature control and specialized handling requirements with robust, effective security.

Tanguy Bullier, Head of Security, SATS

14:05 – 14:45

Joint Panel: Evolving Mail security

As threats continue to evolve, ensuring the security of airmail remains a critical priority. We will examine current security challenges facing the mail sector and explore opportunities to strengthen alignment with aviation security requirements, enhancing compliance, and supply chain integrity.

Moderator: Nicolas Ouakli, Cargo & Mail Screening Equipment – Global Solution Manager, CEIA

Agnieszka Kubiak, Senior Manager Customs and Authorities, Lufthansa

Yves Mabbe, Corporate Security Director, Cargolux

14:45 – 15:00

TRANSITION TO NEXT SESSION

15:00 – 15:20

IATA White Paper on Safety and Security in the Supply Chain

Official launch and introduction.

Nick Lawrence-Taylor, Senior Manager Air Cargo Security, IATA
Scholastica Opiyo, Manager Dangerous Goods Standards, IATA

15:20 – 15:55

Dangerous Goods Regulatory Changes

Trevor Howard, Vice President - Safety, Standards & Regulatory Compliance, Emirates and Chair of the Dangerous Goods Board, IATA

Scholastica Opiyo, Manager Dangerous Goods Standards, IATA

15:55 – 16:00

Closing

Christian Piaget, Head Cargo Border Management & Claims, IATA

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