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SINGAPORE-NETHERLANDS MOU TO BRING ELECTRONIC FREIGHT AND AIR CARGO HUB COLLABORATION TO NEW HEIGHTS

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS), Changi Airport Group (CAG) and Schiphol Nederland B.V. (SNBV) of the Netherlands was inked as part of efforts to strengthen collaboration on the use and development of paperless freight documentation for the transport of air cargo between Amsterdam Airport Schiphol and Singapore Changi Airport. The signing ceremony was held during the International Air Cargo Association (TIACA) Air Cargo Forum in Amsterdam in November.

Electronic-freight (e-freight) is an industry-wide initiative that aims to integrate the air cargo and logistics supply chain by electronically linking stakeholders in the supply chain, promoting the adoption of paperless freight documentation and improving industry capabilities. Such documentation mitigates human error and eliminates inefficient processes, enhancing data accuracy and boosts supply chain visibility, leading to increased productivity in the air cargo and logistics industry.

Under the MOU, the three parties agree to exchange knowledge and expertise and explore the possibilities of joint research and development efforts to encourage the use of e-freight between Amsterdam Airport Schiphol and Singapore Changi Airport. The MOU also serves as a stepping stone to further enhance cooperation in other areas related to the seamless and sustainable transport of air freight and to explore more opportunities of improving air cargo flow between the two airports. This includes the sharing of knowledge on transporting perishables and high-tech products by air.