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CIFFA Provides Training on Shipping Lithium Batteries by Air to Global Freight Logistics Providers Worldwide

Toronto, September 9, 2015 – The Canadian International Freight Forwarders Association (CIFFA) is pleased to announce that it will provide its online training on ‘Shipping Lithium Batteries by Air’ to global freight logistics providers worldwide. In March 2015 at the FIATA Headquarters Session in Zurich, Switzerland, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the FIATA Logistics Academy (FLA) and CIFFA. Francesco Parisi, President of FIATA, and Ruth Snowden, Executive Director of CIFFA, signed the MoU which sets out the commitment to promote the Shipping Lithium Batteries by Air training.

“Shipping lithium batteries by air is extremely common, yet it is a complicated process guided by ever changing regulations. Lithium batteries ARE dangerous and are subject to worldwide regulations. By making CIFFA’s training available to freight forwarders internationally, it is our goal to demystify complex regulations for safer air transportation,” said Ruth Snowden.

“The agreement enables the promotion of an innovative approach towards education in freight forwarding and logistics. The agreement provides for the development of FLA’s theme ‘One Knowledge Source for Global Logistics’ and enables the promotion of an innovative approach towards education in freight forwarding and logistics,” said Francisco Parisi.

Employees of FIATA members worldwide, just like employees of regular CIFFA members, will benefit from reduced costs in registering for this online course.

More information can be found on the FIATA Logistics Academy website at http://fiata.enovation.ie/

The online course provides detailed explanations for handling lithium batteries for air transport, identifies different types of lithium batteries and why they pose a risk and explains the requirements using the IATA DGR Regulations.

The Canadian International Freight Forwarders Association (CIFFA) represents some 250 small, medium and large freight forwarding companies in Canada, and has some 150 Associate Members offering products and services to Regular Members. The association focuses on three strategic platforms: Membership Advocacy and Education. Please visit www.ciffa.com for details on CIFFA’s robust Education Programs including Shipping Lithium Batteries by Air and other accredited Dangerous Goods training.

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