Press Release

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MITSUI-SOKO EXPRESS Co., Ltd. MITSUI-SOKO Supply Chain Solutions, Inc.

Received CEIV Lithium Batteries Certification at Narita International Airport

MITSUI-SOKO EXPRESS Co., Ltd. (Minato-ku, Tokyo; President: Hisanari Ichiryu; hereinafter, "MSE") and MITSUI-SOKO Supply Chain Solutions Inc. (Minato-ku, Tokyo; President: Takayuki Sekitori; hereinafter, "MSCS", collectively referred to as "we") have been preparing to obtain the CEIV Lithium Batteries¹ certification for air transport quality related to lithium-ion batteries, established by the International Air Transport Association (IATA). We are pleased to announce that MSCS and MSE received their certification on February 27 and February 28, 2025, respectively.

Lithium-ion batteries are in high demand across various fields, but ensuring transportation safety within an increasingly complex supply chain has become a critical issue that we must address as a top priority. We have engaged in a community organized by Narita International Airport Corporation since October 2024, working to establish a safety and quality management system that includes staff training, the development of various procedural manuals, and risk assessments².

With this certification, we can now offer safe, high-quality transportation services for lithium-ion batteries that meet global standards, both domestically and internationally, as a one-stop logistics service provider.

We will continue to address the increasingly sophisticated and diverse logistics needs of our customers, aiming to develop services that ensure even greater safety and speed in the air transport of lithium-ion batteries.

¹The Center of Excellence for Independent Validators Lithium Batteries (CEIV Li-batt) is a quality certification program developed by IATA for the safe air transport of lithium-ion batteries. Its primary objective is to establish a supply chain that upholds the highest standards of safety and quality in transportation. It ensures safety, security, compliance, and efficiency by adhering to globally harmonized standards for the air transport of lithium-ion battery products.

²Engage in the Narita Airport Community to Obtain the CEIV Lithium Batteries Certification <u>https://www.mitsui-soko.com/-/media/pdf/msh/news/2024/20241008en.pdf?h=852&w=2726</u>

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