

Following the production



Transco monitors temperature status and door openings and tracks the route of its refrigerated vehicles

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Pharma logistics company Transco, from Berlin Brandenburg, expands its portfolio with several new connections to Western and Southern Europe as well as Turkey. The company is strengthening its activities in the field of pharmaceutical compounds and anaesthetics shipments,

In addition to its already established Eastern European routes the pharmaceutical logistics company Transco, from Berlin Brandenburg, now offers transport

services to Western and Southern Europe, including Portugal, Spain, Greece and Turkey. At the same time, the company is stepping up its activities

in the pharmaceutical compounds and anaesthetics segment. The background to operational changes is the internationalisation, both of supply

chains and the manufacture of pharmaceuticals for the European market. Increasingly, this is carried out in individual steps in different locations. Usually, the base products are then packaged in EU countries with low labour costs.

Following the logistics routes

Transco wished to take account of this development with its new transport connections, explains Managing Director Thomas Schleife "We follow the pharmaceutical manufacturers along the changing supply chains. As a result, we now increasingly operate transport connections to and from Western and Southern Europe, alongside our established Eastern Europe routes. With this, our customers benefit from the central European hub function of Greater Berlin. Here we have very good road connections and corresponding storage capacity".

In addition to the new connections, the logistics service provider is increasingly offering transport of pharmaceutical compounds and

anaesthetics. "This is mainly about the transportation of small batches with extremely high goods values in conjunction with special security arrangements," explained Schleife. "In this segment, demand is noticeably increasing for the appropriate type of transport, and therefore we are also expanding this business area." The portfolio of Transco includes temperature controlled services for pharmaceutical products. TÜV Rheinland has inspected and certified the logistics processes for EU GDP conformity. Continuous monitoring of temperature and door status and route tracking are naturally integral parts of pharmaceutical shipments. Where required, the pharmaceutical logistics provider can also offer supervised security transport.

Transco Berlin Brandenburg has organised pharmaceutical shipments for over 20 years and is considered an expert for customs and high level security requirements for traffic to Eastern Europe. Alongside connections such as Berlin-Moscow, the freight forwarder from Ludwigsfelde is now increasingly also serving routes to Western and Southern Europe. A special feature is shipment to and from Switzerland to the EU, as the Transco Group has its own customs

clearance business, which handles all the complex outgoing and incoming customs formalities.

Increased shipments of anaesthetics

The shipment of pharmaceutical compounds and anaesthetics is playing an increasingly important role, based on the experience of Transco management, which in turn has led to successive expansion of the portfolio in these segments. "Shipments of anaesthetics are particularly subject to the strictest safeguards, including warehousing in special anaesthetic storage with direction connection to the police, as well as the monitoring of logistics processes by the authorities," said Schleife. "In this business area, we have the necessary experience and routines to organise these specially sensitive shipments and professionally support their execution. Even the transport of compounds, under the new GDP for active substances, is in safe hands with us." As the leading pharmaceutical shipper in Germany, Transco Berlin Brandenburg GmbH was awarded the coveted new GDP certificate by TÜV Rheinland, and successfully passed the first demanding audit by the testing authority in August 2015.

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