

## Campbell McCleave awarded GDP Passport accreditation

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Campbell McCleave, one of Northern Ireland's leading transport providers has been awarded the Good Distribution Practice (GDP) Passport by Life Sciences International, a division of the Irish Exporters Association (IEA).

The GDP Passport, a training initiative by the IEA, is the first of its kind and ensures patient safety by compliance throughout all stages of the supply chain which safeguards the quality of medicinal products. Manufacturers can now ensure that pharmaceutical and medical devices/products are transported, stored and handled according to GDP regulations and guidelines by dealing with GDP Passport holders only. The GDP Passport involves training all levels of personnel involved in the supply chain. The key to success is the full suite of

standardised and certified training which is to be undertaken by all those engaged either directly by the manufacturer or indirectly by the service provider in distribution activities.

**Speaking about the GDP accreditation, Tyler Eaton, Company Accountant for Campbell**

**McCleave stated:** *"We are delighted to have been approved for the GDP Passport Scheme and feel that it offers immediate benefits and huge potential for the future. Our current pharmaceutical customers can be confident that their products are transported with the utmost care throughout the whole supply chain and the scheme will present us with many opportunities for new clients within the medicinal sector."*

**Speaking on the accreditation, Simon McKeever, Chief Executive of the Irish Exporters**

**Association commented:** *"Good manufacturing practice and good distribution practice need to work hand in hand and vigilance by all concerned in the supply chain is vital to ensure patient safety. The number of subcontracted companies involved in the supply chain for biopharmaceutical products with different modes of transport and temperature control has increased significantly. Collaboration between all parties, including manufacturers, logistics service providers, ports and airports, is crucial to ensure anti-theft and anti-counterfeit procedures, product integrity and patient safety. The Irish Exporters Association has been at the forefront of informing the Irish pharma supply chain of its GDP requirements through the IEA GDP Passport initiative. The IEA GDP Passport certification has become the gold standard for GDP in Ireland with all leading logistics service providers in the field now having obtained certification. As the pharma sector has grown in Ireland, the IEA has played a key role in ensuring that companies can reach and exceed the required compliance role in assuring quality of the supply chain and distribution of pharmaceutical and medical device products. We are delighted to award Campbell McCleave with the GDP Passport as one of the first independent freight forwarders in Northern Ireland to achieve this accreditation."*

*Photo caption: L-R: Fiona Luciani, Training Division Manager, IEA; Michael Robinson, Ocean Import Manager; Tyler Eaton, Company Accountant; Alastair Hobson, Airfreight Import Supervisor & GDP Champion; and John Thompson, Joint Managing Director, Campbell McCleave.*