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Dear Ground Service Providers,

Due to numerous occurrences involving incorrectly secured **AVIH** containers in the cargo hold, we remind you of the main rules for safely securing AVIH containers and request your strict compliance.

**1. The container with the animal shall be placed inside the hold:**

- at least 15 cm above the floor to prevent excessive cooling of the animal,
- at least 10 cm away from other loads or baggage to ensure appropriate ventilation for the animal,
- in the upright position and properly lashed,
- in such a way as to prevent other baggage or cargo from shifting, falling or leaning onto the animal container,
- and must not be loaded on top of or underneath other types of loads or baggage,
- not directly in front of or below air ventilation outlets,
- in such a way to ensure sufficient air for normal breathing, the ventilation apertures must not be blocked by other loads, compartment, or ULD walls,
- and must not be secured by other baggage or cargo – it is insufficient.

**2. Live animals must not be packed inside a closed ULD.**

**3. Animals shall not be loaded in close proximity:**

- to other loads that may negatively affect their health and welfare,
- to their natural enemies,
- cryogenic liquids (RCL), Dry Ice (ICE), foodstuff (EAT) and human remains (HUM).

**4. Live animals may be loaded together with radioactive materials, provided that the separation distances specified in the IATA Live Animal Regulations are met.**

**CAUTION**

Due to the lack of cargo compartment ventilation, the carriage of live animals is **PROHIBITED** on:

ERJ 190-100AR/-200AR registrations: **SP-LNG, SP-LNH, SP-LNI, SP-LNK, SP-LNL, SP-LNM, SP-LNN, SP-LNQ, SP-LME, SP-LMF**

ERJ 190-400 registrations: **SP-LEA, SP-LEB, SP-LEC**

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**The following are examples of incorrect securing of AVIH containers in the cargo hold:**



Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this matter.

Best regards,  
Ground Operations Bureau