



## Certified Cold Carrier Program

### Industry recognition

No matter where you are on the globe, aligning your company with the U.S. Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) best practices is accomplished with this GCCA program launched in mid-2019 designed to recognize carrier organizations for their commitment to sanitary and safe transportation of perishable products.

### It's Easy

1. Implement best practices found the IRTA *Refrigerated Transportation Best Practices Guide*
2. Complete the application
3. Submit a Quality Assurance Manual
4. Designate staff to participate
5. Receive recognition
6. Renew every 3 years

### Pilot Participants

The companies below have been recognized as Certified Cold Carriers:

- Charger Logistics
- Congebec
- FFE Transportation Services
- GFA Rail Services, Inc.
- Great Plains Transport
- JB Hunt
- KeHE
- Midwest Refrigerated Services, Inc.
- Sethmar Transportation Inc.
- Trailiner
- WEL Companies

### Results

Participants are able to...

- Review and improve company practices for the sanitary and safe shipment of perishables
- Re-engage management and drivers
- Demonstrate your organization's commitment to sanitary transport of food
- Differentiate your organization from its competitors as an industry leader
- Show your dedication to furthering the transportation and supply chain industries

The value in the Certified Cold Carrier program for us is two-fold. Internally, it invites review of best practices and creates an opportunity to re-engage drivers and staff on critical temperature control processes.

Externally, it differentiates us from other carriers by demonstrating that our cold chain practices relative to the safe transportation of food are verified by a third party so that customers can have confidence in entrusting their refrigerated and frozen shipments to us.

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## GCCA Core Partners



# Certified Cold Carrier: Frequently Asked Questions



Your cold chain 3PL partners have an important role in maintaining the safety and quality of your perishables shipments - and therefore, the integrity of your brand.

Carriers that have made the commitment to become a Certified Cold Carrier have taken extra steps to demonstrate their commitment to your success.

## Who developed these best practices?

The International Refrigerated Transportation Association (IRTA), a core partner of the Global Cold Chain Alliance, worked with cold chain industry professionals and other stakeholders to develop and publish best practices to help shippers, loaders, carriers by motor or rail vehicle, and receivers involved in transporting human and animal food to use documented sanitary practices to ensure the safety of that food. Learn more about IRTA at [www.gcca.org/irta](http://www.gcca.org/irta).

## Where can I get a copy of the industry best practices referenced by the Certified Cold Carrier program?

Anyone may download IRTA's *Refrigerated Transportation Best Practices Guide* from [www.gcca.org/certifiedcoldcarrier](http://www.gcca.org/certifiedcoldcarrier). The Guide spells out industry best practices concerning cleaning, inspection, maintenance, loading and unloading of, and operation of vehicles and transportation equipment.

## What do these best practices cover?

These practices cover sanitary procedures that meet or exceed the U.S. Sanitary Food Transportation Act of 2005 (2005 SFTA) and the Food Safety Modernization Act of 2011 (FSMA) addressing these issues to ensure that food is transported under the conditions and controls necessary to prevent adulteration linked to food safety:

- cleaning,
- inspection,
- maintenance,
- vehicle loading and unloading, and
- operation of vehicles and transportation equipment.



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## Do the best practices apply outside of the U.S.?

While country laws differ, all perishables shippers should follow industry best practices. We believe IRTA's *Refrigerated Transportation Best Practices Guide* will help shippers all over the globe use documented sanitary practices to ensure food safety and quality.

## What proof of knowledge and training is required?

Proof of knowledge of the carrier's management team and driver training are integral components of the Certified Cold Carrier program. Each certificant must submit a copy of their company's quality assurance manual as well. Those manuals must contain information on procedures, monitoring, and inspections, among other things.

## How often are carriers reviewed?

The Certified Cold Carrier term of validity of three years. A yearly renewal is required to show that the Carrier is conforming to the certification requirements.

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