



PRESS RELEASE

CIRCLE Group in China: Cargo Start at Air Cargo China 2026, participation in CISCE 2026 alongside Spediporto and the Liguria Region, and attendance at the inauguration of Spediporto Hong Kong desk

The Group is participating in major international events in Shanghai, Beijing, and Hong Kong, reaffirming its role in the development of interoperable digital ecosystems for air cargo, logistics, and global supply chains

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Circle S.p.A. (“**Circle Group**” or the “**Company**”) - an innovative SME listed on the **Euronext Growth Milan market**, and the parent company of the group of the same name specialising in process analysis and the development of solutions for innovation and digitalisation in the port and intermodal logistics sectors, as well as in international consultancy on Green Deal and energy transition issues, is strengthening its international expansion by participating in three major events in Asia focused on logistics, air cargo, and global supply chains: **Air Cargo China 2026**, scheduled for **June 24–26, 2026**, at the **Shanghai New International Expo Centre (SNIEC)** in Shanghai; **CISCE 2026 – China International Supply Chain Expo**, scheduled to take place in Beijing from **June 22 to 26, 2026**, where the Group will be present alongside **Spediporto** in the **Liguria Region’s** exhibition space; the **inauguration of the Spediporto Hong Kong desk**, scheduled for **June 25, 2026**, in the Chinese Special Administrative Region.

Participation in Air Cargo China 2026 is through **Cargo Start**, a company specialized in the development and commercialization of innovative digital solutions for air cargo and an integral part of the Circle Group ecosystem. Cargo Start will be present as a **co-exhibitor alongside SEA Milan Airports and the Milano AirCargo Community**, showcasing an advanced digital collaboration model for the air cargo sector.

Air Cargo China 2026, organized as part of transport logistic China, is one of the leading international platforms dedicated to air cargo transport and brings together airlines, airports, freight forwarders, logistics operators, and technology providers. Held every two years, the event offers an opportunity to discuss the sector’s main areas of development, with a particular focus on digitalization, operational efficiency, the integration of logistics



systems, and the development of community-based collaborative models.

As a technology partner of SEA Milan Airports, Cargo Start actively collaborates on the **Smart City MXP** initiative, a shared digital platform developed to streamline cargo operations at Milan Malpensa Airport. As part of this initiative, Cargo Start has developed **Start City**, a solution designed to facilitate freight forwarders' integration with the platform, which is now used by over **150 operators**.

The joint participation in Air Cargo China 2026 underscores the value of a collaborative model based on community, strong partnerships, and shared standards: a practical and scalable approach that is increasingly central to driving the global digitalization of air cargo and fostering the development of interoperable ecosystems throughout the entire logistics supply chain.

At the same time, Circle Group will also be present at **CISCE 2026—the China International Supply Chain Expo**—alongside Spediporto and within the exhibition space of the Liguria Region, which will be the event's guest of honor. This initiative is part of the Liguria Region's international promotion of its economic, technological, and logistical capabilities, with the goal of fostering new opportunities for collaboration and investment.

CISCE 2026, organized by **CCPIT—the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade**—is dedicated to supply chains and is structured around six thematic areas: **Advanced Manufacturing, Clean Energy, Smart Vehicles, Digital Technology, Healthy Living, and Green Agriculture**. The Ligurian delegation's schedule includes, among other key events, participation in the opening ceremony, the inauguration of the Liguria Pavilion, thematic seminars, institutional networking sessions, and B2B meetings.

As part of its Asian mission, Circle Group will also take part in the inauguration of the new **Spediporto Hong Kong desk**, scheduled for **June 25, 2026**. The desk was established with the goal of becoming a point of reference for companies interested in developing commercial relationships with Far East markets and for institutions committed to strengthening economic ties with the Asia-Pacific region. The initiative is part of Spediporto's ongoing efforts to promote international investments and partnerships for the benefit of the Liguria region, while also leveraging the opportunities offered by the Simplified Logistics Zone and the Customs Free Zone.

"Participating in these events represents another step toward strengthening Circle Group's



*international position in the logistics markets and international air cargo corridors,” said **Luca Abatello, President and CEO of Circle Group.** “Through Cargo Start, in collaboration with SEA, we are bringing concrete expertise in the digitization of cargo communities to China, with solutions focused on data quality, interoperability, and process efficiency. At the same time, our presence alongside Spediporto and the Liguria Region at CISCE and our participation in the inauguration of the Hong Kong desk confirm our commitment to helping promote advanced, integrated, and sustainable logistics ecosystems, fostering new connections between Europe and Asia and showcasing the region’s expertise on the global stage.”*

Circle Group’s presence in Asia reaffirms its role as an enabler of innovation in logistics hubs and intermodal supply chains, in line with the “Connect 4 Agile Growth” plan. Its integrated positioning across the port, logistics, and airport sectors, supports the development of advanced, interoperable digital ecosystems geared toward international growth.

For more information on the events:

www.transportlogistic-china.com

www.cisce.org.cn

Cargo Start is a technology provider dedicated to the air cargo industry. The company delivers high-value digital solutions designed to support industry stakeholders—including freight forwarders, ground handling companies, airlines, and airport cargo communities—in addressing the key challenges of digitalization: **Connectivity, Visibility, and Sustainability.**

Through its flagship solution, the **CARGO GATE Cargo Community System**, Cargo Start has contributed to the digitalization of 90% of the Italian freight forwarding community. Cargo Start’s portfolio also includes **StarTracking**, an A2A (Airport-to-Airport) and D2D (Door-to-Door) visibility platform, and **Handler Gate**, a Cargo Management System specifically designed for Ground Handling Agents (GHAs). In addition, Cargo Start supports airport cargo communities in the design and implementation of Air Cargo Community System platforms.

As the official technology partner of ANAMA and SEA Aeroporti di Milano, Cargo Start benefits from a group with extensive experience in the international air cargo sector and actively contributes to the industry’s evolution through participation in IATA digitalization working groups. Since 2022, Cargo Start has been part of Circle Group S.p.A.

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Founded in Genoa in 2012, Circle S.p.A. is the Innovative SME leading Circle Group, a company listed on Euronext Growth Milan since 2018 and specialized in the analysis and development of solutions for innovation and digitalization in the port and intermodal logistics sectors, as well as in international consultancy on Green Deal and energy transition topics.

The Group includes the software houses Info.era, NEXT Freight, eXyond, Cargo Start, Qmap, the consulting firms Magellan Circle and Magellan Circle Italy, NEXT Customs, as well as the affiliated company ACCUDIRE.

In the field of digital innovation, the Milos® Intelligence platform integrates advanced technologies such as AI, simulation, and Digital Twin to support decision-making processes and the digitalization of systems, through solutions like the Extended Port Community System, MasterSPED®, Milos® TOS, Milos® MTO, Milos® TFP, Milos® Global Supply Chain Visibility, and StarTracking. Complementing the offering, Federative Services (cloud-based) enable a more efficient migration towards digital business models.

Through Magellan Circle and Magellan Circle Italy, the Group is active in Brussels and across Europe in advocacy activities with the European Institutions, supporting public bodies and companies with services in Strategic Communication and Advocacy and EU Funding Accelerator, with a focus on the Green Deal and energy transition.

With Cargo Start, specialized in technological solutions for air cargo, Circle has strengthened its offering in a strategic segment of its industrial plan. eXyond oversees advanced infomobility services (InfoBlu New Gen), focused on real-time traffic information products and services and big traffic data analytics, also for freight and logistics, as well as advanced telematics solutions for road transport (Kmaster) and Gate Automation solutions. Circle also holds a 20% stake in the innovative startup ACCUDIRE, which offers a collaborative platform for document management along global supply chains, starting from e-CMR and e-DDT (electronic consignment note). With NEXT Customs, the Group develops digital services for customs optimization, contributing to the harmonization of processes in line with the strategic directions of Connect 4 Agile Growth.

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