



## **Business Context**

The aviation industry was the lifeline of economic activities before it hit a slump due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The demand fell sharply and it might take three years or more for the aviation industry to recover completely. At the same time, the demand for cargo flights has doubled and will continue to grow due to increased e-commerce sales and the need for freighters to transport COVID-19 vaccines when ready. However, the limited availability of freighters, and the high costs and time involved in passenger to cargo conversion resulted in unmet demand. This presents the aviation industry with an opportunity to minimize losses and recover revenues partially - by shifting from **passenger** aircraft to auxiliary cargo aircraft.



## **Our Solution**

HCL's P2AC converts passenger aircrafts into a temporary cargo configuration and allows airlines to transport cargo in their passenger cabins after seats are removed. It provides a comprehensive coverage of auxiliary conversion with multiple cargo loading configurations for the highest possible payload of cargo in the cabin. The solution can be deployed at airline hangars.

### Features



HCL designed pallets and containers to suit passenger door loading and its locking mechanism



Variety of cargo loading configurations for different types and category of goods



Suited for short-medium term (2-3 years)



Interactive tab enabled e-learning video modules for each step in the process



Documentation for STC (supplemental type certification)



Can be availed as a turnkey end-to-end solution or as a discrete service



## **Conversion Configurations**



#### Movable Pallet Prepacked Cargo

The cargo packs are pre-packed on customized pallets suitable to bring inside passenger door

Pre packed packs are brought on the aircraft door with the help of catering truck or high lift and are moved to the marked cargo position using hand pallet jack

Pallets are locked on to cabin floor seat track by HCL - designed locking mechanism with commercially available (COTS) hardware



#### **Temperature Controlled Containers**



Adoption of thermal insulated containers with passive temperature controlled packaging

Pre-cooled vaccines are loaded into insulated containers. Temperatures are maintained for at least 48 hours for **vaccine transportation** 

Containers are locked on to cabin floor seat track by HCL - designed locking mechanism with commercially available (COTS) hardware

# **Solution Differentiators**



Short lead-time Shorter lead-time for conversion using COTS items / tools



#### Unique locking mechanism

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HCL designed locking mechanism for less loading / unloading time



#### Higher payload capacity Usage of pallets instead of loading on the seats,

floor mat



# Refrigerated vaccine containers

Temperature Controlled Containers for vaccine transportation



#### **Temporary conversion at airline hangars** No MRO facility requirements



#### Quick and easy reconversion Owing to minimal modifications

# HCL A&D Advantage





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