

Media Statement

Beluga flight faces delay

Luxembourg, 16 April 2019 – The decision has been made to postpone the relocation flight of two beluga whales that was set to take place this week. Little Grey and Little White were set to fly on board Cargolux from Shanghai to Keflavik, Iceland before traveling by truck and ferry to Heimaey island.

The temporary delay is due to the final leg of the complicated journey between the Icelandic mainland and the Island of Heimaey. The weather conditions in Iceland and the forecast of rough seas next week do not allow for the transport of the whales on board the ferry. For this reason, the decision was taken to delay the move of Little Grey and Little White until the weather conditions have improved.

Cargolux and SEALIFE Trust, along with the Icelandic government, are working closely to assess every suitable option for the belugas' safe relocation and to secure the flight out of Shanghai to Iceland in the coming weeks.

Due to the complex nature of the move, and the amount of different parties involved, many aspects must be considered and carefully planned ahead of the transport. The top priority remains the welfare of the two belugas and the move is dictated by their requirements and well-being.

We will share progress on the developments as they unfold and prepare to carry out the epic flight once when our team of experts and partners have deemed it right to do so.

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