

portway given Environmental Certification by TÜV Rheinland



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portway – Handling de Portugal, S.A., the handling company belonging to the ANA group that is currently operating at Lisbon, Porto, Faro and Funchal airports, has just achieved ***Environmental Certification*** from TÜV Rheinland (Portugal), in accordance with the demanding *ISO 14001:2004 Standard*. This certification has been awarded to the handling units at the *airports* in these four cities for their *provision of operational, passenger, cargo and ramp services*.

portway thus becomes the *first handling company to receive environmental certification in Portugal*. Such an achievement means that it can be considered one of the leading companies in terms of environmental awareness, since the number of handling operators worldwide that have such certification can be counted on the fingers of one hand. Only those companies that meet TÜV Rheinland's demanding selection and classification criteria are afforded such a distinction, being obliged to adopt the best possible practices in their day-to-day operations, and in the treatment and management of all environmental issues.

Following on from **portway's** attainment of this environmental certification, a number of actions have been planned, such as the planting of trees in proportion to the impact of the CO₂ emissions generated by the activity of its Handling Units (to be accompanied, in an innovative second phase, by the airline companies that it handles), strict control over the consumption of scarce resources, the replacement of existing equipment by other more environmentally friendly equipment, and even a reduction in the company's use of paper through the increased computerisation of its administrative and operational activities, achieved through the implementation of a software programme created and developed by **portway** itself.

It should also be remembered that **portway** has already been awarded certification in accordance with the DIN EN ISO 9001:2000 Quality Standard and pursues an Official Environment and Quality Policy.