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SESSION	
5 minutes	<p>Overview and Housekeeping Remarks</p> <p>Ms. Ann Katsiak, Chief of Party, US-Support for Economic Growth in Asia (US-SEGA)</p>
10 minutes	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks</p> <p>Mr. Scott Pietan, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative of APEC Affairs, United States</p> <p>Mr. Blake van Velden, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, New Zealand, Vice-Chair, APEC Committee on Trade and Investment</p>
5 minutes	<p>Overview of APEC Subcommittee on Customs Procedures (SCCP) 2021 Agenda</p> <p>Ms. Rebecca Jonassen, Chair, APEC Subcommittee on Customs Procedures</p>
<p>Session 1</p> <p>45 minutes</p>	<p>Panel Discussion: COVID-19’s Impact on Supply Chains – Moving From Stop Gap Measures to Permanent Reform</p> <p>COVID-19 has had a significant impact on supply chains, including on their efficiency and reliability. What comes next for supply chains in the time of COVID-19 recovery? Have some reforms been positive despite the pandemic’s global toll on the movement of goods? As APEC Ministers have reemphasized the essential role that trade plays in tackling the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, what economy-level or regional changes should be made permanent in the effort to accelerate the use of digitalization for border processes and modernize supply chains?</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Mr. Ben Wastler, Senior Director, International Supply Chain Policy at National Foreign Trade Council</i></p> <p>Ms. Stephanie Honey, Director, Honey Consulting</p> <p>Mr. Sebastian Cortes Sanchez, Deputy Director, Asian Trade Centre</p> <p>Ms. Kate Weiner, Director, Global Customs Regulatory Affairs, Cargill Inc.</p> <p>Questions and Answers</p>

<p>Session 2 35 minutes</p>	<p>Panel Discussion: Emerging Simplified Procedures for Low-Value Shipments</p> <p>The expanding role of e-commerce has a significant impact on the volume of transactions that border agencies must process and necessitates a reexamination of the import procedures applied to such goods. Emerging practices around low-value shipments, particularly post-COVID-19, provide an opportunity to help governments more efficiently process these goods while also ensuring greater resiliency of a supply chain that risk management and trade facilitation. This discussion will dive into emerging practices around import procedures for low-value shipments, and hear industry and government perspectives of how APEC could take a role in moving efforts forward.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Ashlyn Holeyfield, Senior International Trade Specialist, International Trade Administration, United States</p> <p>Mr. Dietmar Jost, Customs and Security Advisor, Global Express Association</p> <p>Mr. Ian Ayrton, Director, GST Program, Australian Taxation Office</p> <p>Mr. Shay Wester, Senior Director for US-ASEAN Business Council (TBC)</p> <p><i>Questions and Answers</i></p>
<p>5 minutes</p>	<p>Next Steps for APEC and Closing</p> <p>Mr. Scott Pietan, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative of APEC Affairs, United States</p>