Trade Facilitating Actions for Vaccine Supply Chains – A Public-Private Partnership Perspective

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A world where cross-border trade is simple, fast and cost-effective, creating new business opportunities, enabling greater economic and social development and reducing poverty.

OUR VISION

To enhance trade facilitation by bringing together the public and private sectors as equal partners to identify and deliver commercially-meaningful reforms in developing and least developed economies.

OUR MISSION
**WHO?**

![GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR TRADE FACILITATION](image1.png)

![US-ASEAN BUSINESS COUNCIL, INC.](image2.png)

**WHERE?**

- ASEAN region
  - Cambodia
  - Indonesia
  - Laos
  - Thailand
  - The Philippines
  - Viet Nam

**WHAT AND HOW?**

- **Stage 1:** In-economy diagnostic of TFA needs for vaccines and ancillaries.
- **Stage 2:** Tabletop testing to ensure that processes are well understood, efficient and resilient.
- **Stage 3:** Dummy shipments to make testing of processes as realistic as possible.

**WHY?**

- **Recovery** from pandemic is dependent on effective vaccination programmes.
- Vaccines and ancillaries must cross borders quickly and efficiently to help meet demand and avoid wastage.
- Public-private coordination and collaboration is essential to meet objectives.

**Project Scope**

- Economy A: Manufacturer site
- Shipment
- Economy B: Importer site

**Economy B**

**Economy A**
CURRENT STATUS

• Much current effort is focused on vaccine procurement
• Less attention on trade facilitation and full range of concerned products (e.g. syringes, needles, inputs for vaccine manufacture, therapeutic drugs etc.)
• First shipments of vaccines into economies have taken place. High profile media events with emergency border processes
• Number of viable vaccines is increasing and with it regulatory complexity
EMERGING TRADE FACILITATION ISSUES

- Risk of regulatory **snap back** should issues emerge as a result of current fast-track processes

- Increased trade facilitation urgency due to risk of **shortage** of **vaccine** and **supplies**

- Assess the extent of the challenge in relation to “**last mile**” delivery

- Assess the impact of rapid increase in volumes of importations in relation to **existing infrastructure**

- Need inputs into economy preparedness from **regional manufacturers**

- Need to prepare for **product recalls** if quality issues arise

- Impact on trade facilitation if **counterfeiting** is identified

- Managing **hazardous waste** and resulting reverse supply chain
CURRENT / NEXT STEPS

- Conduct high level consultations with governments to assess needs and respond to any request for support.
- Active engagement with private sector companies (logistics providers and manufacturers) to assess current challenges and upcoming concerns.
- Conduct diagnostic on processes for ‘conventional’ vaccines and supplies.
- Establish what are / will be processes for Covid-19 vaccines and supplies.
- Assist in bridging gaps. Focus on being agile and responsive where need arises.