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Joint Update on the Final Review of Phase Two of the Supply Chain Connectivity Framework Action Plan

Purpose: Information

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3-4 March 2021**

Phase Two: Supply Chain Connectivity Framework Action Plan (SCFAP II)

- Final Review of SCFAP II
- Complementary initiatives
- Collaboration with PSU (targeted for end 2021)
- Welcome voluntary case studies
- Singapore is thinking about Phase III – welcome ideas
- PSU: Inception Report

Plan for the Final Review

Review of external indicators:

- Doing Business Reports, Logistics Performance Index, DHL Global Connectedness Index, Liner Shipping Connectivity Index etc.
- LPI 2020 and Doing Business 2021?

Findings from the 2019 SCFAP Review

- Mixed progress in the 5 chokepoints: border management and clearance, and quality of transport infrastructure (good); logistics services/costs, and e-commerce (mixed); regulatory cooperation (poor)
- Challenges: Slow adoption of automation; Lack of harmonisation of regulations; Lack of logistics skills; Financial constraints; and Poor resilience of supply chains

Way forward

- Initial findings
- Impact of COVID-19?
- Timeline