



COVID-19 VACCINE SUPPLY CHAIN AND REGULATORY TRANSPARENCY SYMPOSIUM

Tuesday, 29 June 2021, 10.00 – 18.00 (CET)

Zoom /YouTube - Simultaneous interpretation into English, French and Spanish

The aim of the Technical Symposium is to contribute to improved public and policy-maker understanding of the operation of global vaccine supply chains, the cross-border movement of vaccine inputs, and highlight the regulatory compliance requirements that firms must meet throughout all phases of the global vaccine supply chain.

The event will seek to establish the current state of our knowledge and where there are gaps that may need addressing (e.g. in the areas of the products concerned and the collection of trade statistics for the purposes of monitoring). It will also spotlight trade measures that support or constrain the achievement of the rapid scale-up of vaccine production and distribution. The focus of the webinar is on COVID-19 vaccines and their inputs, but discussions will also encompass the topics of diagnostics and therapeutics, as well as other COVID-19 related medical goods, notably in Session 5 on other COVID-19 essential health technologies.

TIME	SESSION
10:00 – 10:15	SESSION 1: OPENING
10:15 – 11:30	SESSION 2: Mapping vaccine manufacturing and trade <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the latest projections on COVID-19 vaccine manufacturing output?• What can supply chain mapping exercises tell us about vaccine manufacturing production and related value chains?• Vaccine producers are experiencing bottlenecks in their supply chains. Which types of problems are being experienced and what can policy makers do to address them?
11:30 – 13:00	SESSION 3: Mapping cross-border movement of vaccine inputs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How quickly have upstream vaccine input suppliers been able to respond to rapid growth in vaccine manufacturers input demand?• What are the vaccine inputs that matter? Are trade measures creating bottlenecks in input supply chains? If so, where and why?• What approaches can Members and other stakeholders take to facilitate the efficient cross-border movement of vaccine inputs?• What could be done to improve the monitoring and facilitation of these cross-border movements?
15:00 – 16:30	SESSION 4: Promoting transparency and convergence in the regulatory landscape <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What approaches are being used to expedite the regulatory processes needed to get new manufacturing capacity up and running?• How can we cooperate internationally to quickly and safely manufacture, approve and disseminate needed vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics?• How can transparency in the regulatory approval process be strengthened?• How do we increase regulatory cooperation and capacity building for better future pandemic preparedness?



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16:30 – 17:45	SESSION 5: Beyond vaccines: mapping other COVID-19 essential health technologies and trade <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How can value chain mapping techniques be used to chart trade in other COVID-19 essential health technologies?• What manufacturing, input and regulatory bottlenecks are these COVID-19 essential health technologies facing and why?
17:45 – 18:00	SESSION 6: CLOSING REMARKS