Digitalisation and Logistics Resilience: Lessons Learned

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COVID 19 has exposed the vital importance of logistics
Express delivery: Resilient

Operations continued world-wide

But supply chains were disrupted by

• Land border & airport closures
• Crew and driver curfews, quarantines, travel bans
• Inland surface transport restrictions & curfews (incl. public transport)
• Paper-based processes at borders (no ‘work from home’)
Facilitation

TFA implementation matters

- Better border processes (aligned with TFA) : More resilience
- Traditional or ‘Hybrid’ border processes (partly digital, partly paper) : Less resilience
- Pandemic provided proof of concept
- Instances of full TFA implementation (incl. single window) for vaccines
Facilitation

Accelerate TFA implementation

= More resilience
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Freight transport agency services 748

Other
Digital borders require cross-border data flows (telecommunications & IT services)
All-cargo services are different from passenger services and require a different economic regime.
Domestic Regulation

- Transparent and open licensing regimes (where necessary)
- Independent regulator
- Accelerate TFA implementation
- Open up market access for services
- Adopt Domestic Regulation plurilateral
- Liberalise all-cargo air services
Thank you

Q&A