

COVID19 - Lessons Learnt for

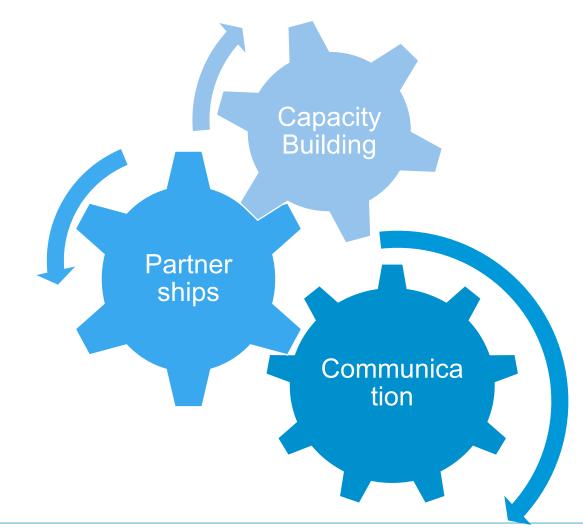
Customs, Trade Facilitation and Border Management sector

Third Informal Multidisciplinary Advisory Group Meeting on Transport Responses to the COVID-19 Crisis

29 June 2021

COVID-19 Pandemic: WCO leadership and guidance





WCO Secretariat Initiatives in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic



- Newly created section of the WCO web-site dedicated to several guidance materials compiled and developed in response to COVID-19: <u>http://www.wcoomd.org/en/topics/facilitation/activities-and-programmes/natural-disaster/coronavirus.aspx</u>.
- Developed a repository of (114) Members best practices and measures in response to Covid-19 pandemic titled "What Customs can do to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic":

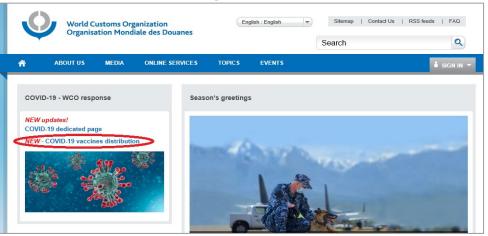
Facilitate the cross-
border movement of
relief and essential
suppliesSupport the economy
and sustain supply
chain continuityProtect staffProtect society

□ Joint initiatives with other International Organizations

Programme support to develop capacity of Customs administrations

Implementation of the WCO Resolution on vaccines





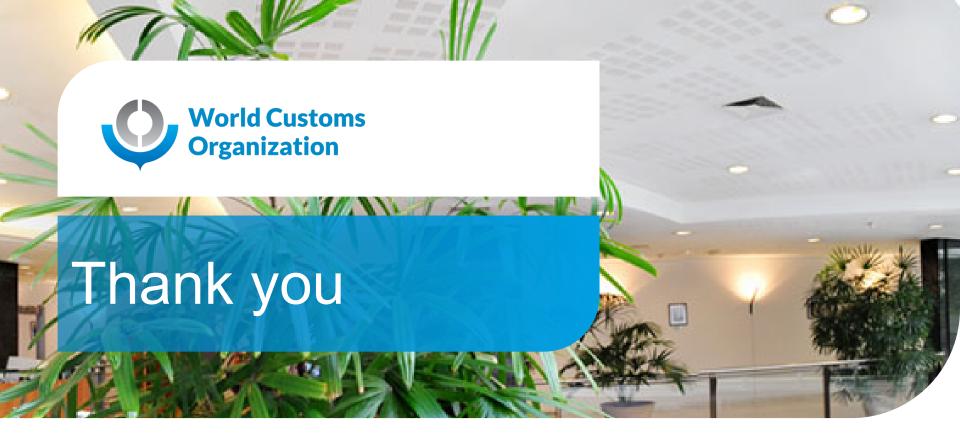
- ✓ Dedicated <u>section</u> of the WCO web-site
- ✓ COVID-19 Action Plan
- ✓ Dedicated guidance materials <u>HS Classification reference</u> and a <u>Secretariat Note</u>
- ✓ Repository of Members' practices
- ✓ Joint statement with ICAO
- Contributed to the guidelines and information notes issued by IATA and WTO
- ✓ Information exchanged through an IPR CENComm group
- ✓ Global webinar series: improving awareness on COVID-19 Vaccines
- ✓ Operation STOP II

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Lessons learned

Preparedness

- Implement the RKC and the TFA
- Automate Customs processes
- □ Transparency
- Coordination and cooperation
- Need to keep the facilitative measures after the pandemic



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