

Customs Administration of Cyprus
18 March 2021

N.B. The information provided by individual EU Member States supplements the [information provided by the European Commission](#)

- 1. Which of the measures outlined in the WCO Resolution on the role of Customs in facilitating the cross-border movement of situationally critical medicines and vaccines has your Customs administration implemented in practice? Please provide details of the implementation.**
- 2. Was any relevant information concerning the Customs clearance of COVID-19 vaccines and the goods and devices used for their shipment and transportation, made publicly available, for example on the Customs administration's web-site? If yes, please provide a URL. If not made publicly available, was relevant information provided to the supply chain stakeholders – manufacturers, exporters, importers, logistics providers, etc.?**
- 3. Was any dedicated guidance made available to the field Customs officers with regard to the Customs clearance of COVID-19 vaccines for export, transit and import, as well as the goods and devices used for the vaccines' shipment and transportation? If yes, please provide details on how the guidance was disseminated.**
- 4. Has any training been provided to the staff of your Customs administration in anticipation of the COVID-19 vaccines distribution effort, for example training for handling of time- and temperature-sensitive items, training for handling of dangerous goods (e.g. dry ice), training for identifying the COVID-19 vaccines on import or export documentation?**
No specific training is provided to officers except for the issuing of specific Circulars and Notices.
- 5. What mode of transport was used for the exportation/importation of COVID-19 vaccines from/into your country?**
All importations of COVID -19 vaccines to Cyprus have been effected by air.
- 6. What are the documents required for the exportation of COVID-19 vaccines from your country? (applies to the Members exporting COVID-19 vaccines)**
- 7. Which national authorities are responsible for the checking and clearing the COVID-19 vaccines shipments for exportation? How is the cooperation between these authorities arranged? (applies to the Members exporting COVID-19 vaccines)**
- 8. Is there any exchange of information/data between the Customs authorities of the exporting country and the Customs authorities of the importing country? What type of information is exchanged? How is the exchange of information arranged/regulated?**
Not applicable for Cyprus.
- 9. Was the Customs transit procedure used for the COVID-19 vaccines imported into your country? If yes, why/what was the rationale?**
No transit procedure was used.
- 10. Does your administration implement risk management techniques related to the cross-border movement of COVID-19 vaccines?**

11. What are the documents required for the importation of COVID-19 vaccines in your country?

12. Which national authorities are responsible for the checking and clearing the COVID-19 vaccines shipments for importation? How is the cooperation between these authorities arranged?

The competent authority responsible for the checking and clearing the COVID -19 vaccines shipment is the Purchase and Supplies Directorate operating under the Ministry of Health.

13. If information is available, what was the time required for the release of the COVID-19 vaccines shipments imported into your country?

Such goods are released on the basis of direct delivery.

14. Has your government considered duty and tax waivers for the importation of COVID-19 vaccines?

15. Please include any other relevant information you wish to share.