

**Customs Administration of Peru**  
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- ✓ *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.*

Regarding the measures that have been implemented and are being practiced, we can mention, among others: (i) the priority with which the import clearance of vaccines is being carried out, (ii) the mechanisms to identify shipments of vaccines during their importation, and (iii) the cooperation and coordination with the relevant government agencies. In this regard, once the Peruvian State was aware of the procurement of the vaccines against COVID-19, the Customs Administration led a technical team that involved all public and private actors that have some type of participation in the process of importation of vaccines (from their collection at the port of origin to delivery to the importer after completing customs formalities), which also allowed us to receive some concerns from the first source and enabled a series of means allowing the process to be fluent (cooperation and coordination). The interaction with the different actors has made it possible to provide recommendations that have been materialized in the destination for importation of the vaccines under the modality of advance numbering, a situation that allowed us to have information before the arrival of the goods, which facilitates its follow-up (mechanisms to identify shipments). Likewise, the clearance of vaccines has been monitored in order to provide not only speed, but also regulatory support for a correct destination, which facilitates and accelerates entry mechanisms (Priority).

- ✓ *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.?*

As mentioned, the Customs Administration leads a technical team involving all public and private sector actors who have some type of participation in the process of importing vaccines, including the carrier, supplier, importer, health authorities, airport terminal operator, etc., with whom the Customs Administration holds a series of meetings prior to the arrival of the vaccines in order to receive from them the planning of the operation and, on the basis of said information, guide and provide the regulatory support allowing them to provide the import process with speed. This has also allowed us to better manage and facilitate questions related to the temporary entry of Envirotainers or the entry authorization of dataloggers, situations that are relevant for the entry of vaccines.

Likewise, the regulations related to entry for the importation of vaccines have been socialized to the public through webinars organized by the Customs Administration.

- ✓ *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.*

On the occasion of the several working meetings held before the arrival of the vaccines with the different actors, it was possible to collect information related to the way in which they are being transported, which has facilitated feedback to the field officials with the details for a non-intrusive action.

- ✓ *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 information.
- ✓ *What mode of transport was used for the exportation/importation of COVID-19 vaccines from/into your country?*  
The mode of transport used for the importation of COVID-19 vaccines into our country was by air.
  - ✓ *What are the documents required for the exportation of COVID-19 vaccines from your country? (applies to the Members exporting COVID-19 vaccines)*  
We do not export vaccines.
  - ✓ *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)*  
We do not export vaccines.
  - ✓ *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?*  
No information.
  - ✓ *Was the Customs transit procedure used for the COVID-19 vaccines imported into your country? If yes, why/what was the rationale?*  
It was not used.
  - ✓ *Does your administration implement risk management techniques related to the cross-border movement of COVID-19 vaccines?*  
No information.
  - ✓ *What are the documents required for the importation of COVID-19 vaccines in your country?*  
The documents are:
    - Commercial Invoice
    - Air waybill
    - Health Registry
    - Certificate of Batch Analysis
    - Good Manufacturing Practice
  - ✓ *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?*  
Peruvian Customs is the only responsible and no inspection and / or participation of any other government authority is required.
  - ✓ *If information is available, what was the time required for the release of the COVID-19 vaccines shipments imported into your country?*  
The time required for the release of the COVID-19 vaccines shipments imported into Peru was approximately 15 minutes from the time of arrival of the plane.
  - ✓ *Has your government considered duty and tax waivers for the importation of COVID-19 vaccines?*  
No.

- ✓ *Please include any other relevant information you wish to share.*

Advance clearance (numbering the import declaration before the arrival of the goods) is being the most effective tool for tracking vaccines, which allows us to interact in advance with all other participating operators, facilitating prior and timely assistance to their queries, needs and requirements, in addition to providing all the necessary information to carry out the actions inherent to the administration prior to arrival, which allows an immediate entry of the cargo with the verification of its arrival.