

Guyana Revenue Authority
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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.

ANSWER: THE DEPARTMENT AND BY EXTENSION THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA HAS INCORPORATED AT LEAST 75% OF ALL THE MEASURES LISTED IN THE RESOLUTION IN FACILITATING CROSS-BORDER MOVEMENT OF CRITICAL MEDICINES AND VACCINES.

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, ON THE CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION WEBSITE?

ANSWER: NO.

IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE A URL.

IF NOT, WERE THE RELEVANT INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE SUPPLY CHAIN STAKEHOLDERS-MANUFACTURERS, EXPORTERS, IMPORTERS, LOGISTICS PROVIDERS, ETC.?

ANSWER: YES.

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, 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.

ANSWER: YES. WORKSHOPS WERE HELD WITH THE FIELD OFFICERS CONCERNING THE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FOR IMPORTS OF THE VACCINES.

4. HAS ANY TRAINING BEEN PROVIDED TO THE STAFF OF YOUR CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION IN ANTICIPATION OF COVID-19 VACCINES DISTRIBUTION EFFORT, FOR EXAMPLE TRAINING FOR HANDLING OF TIME-AND TEMPERATURE-SENSITIVE ITEMS, TRAINING AND HANDLING OF DANGEROUS GOODS (E.G. DRY ICE), TRAINING FOR IDENTIFYING THE COVID-19 ON IMPORT OR EXPORT DOCUMENTATION?

ANSWER: YES. TRAINING WAS HELD IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED AREAS CONCERNING IMPORTATION ONLY.

5. WHAT MODE OF TRANSPORT WAS USED FOR THE EXPORTATION/IMPORTATION OF COVID-19 VACCINES FROM/INTO YOUR COUNTRY?

ANSWER: THE COVID-19 VACCINES WERE IMPORTED INTO GUYANA VIA AIR.

6. WHAT ARE THE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE EXPORTATION OF COVID-19 VACCINES FROM YOUR COUNTRY? (APPLIES TO MEMBERS EXPORTING COVID-19 VACCINES)

ANSWER: NOT APPLICABLE

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 MEMBERS EXPORTING COVID-19 VACCINES)

ANSWER: NOT APPLICABLE

8. IS THERE ANY EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION/DATA BETWEEN THE CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES OF THE EXPORTING COUNTRY AND CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES OF THE IMPORTING COUNTRY? WHAT TYPE OF INFORMATION IS EXCHANGED? HOW IS THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ARRANGED/REGULATED?

ANSWER: NO.

9. WAS THE CUSTOMS TRANSIT PROCEDURE USED FOR THE COVID-19 VACCINES IMPORTED INTO YOUR COUNTRY? IF YES, WHY/WAS THE RATIONALE?

ANSWER: NO.

10. DOES THE ADMINISTRATION IMPLEMENT RISK MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES RELATED TO THE CROSS BORDER MOVEMENT OF COVID-19 VACCINES.

ANSWER: YES, BASED ON THE WHO GUIDELINES.

11. WHAT ARE THE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE IMPORTATION OF COVID-19 VACCINES IN YOUR COUNTRY?

ANSWER: E-SAD, WAYBILL, INVOICE AND ALL OTHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION.

12. WHICH NATIONAL AUTHORITIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHECKING AND CLEARING THE COVID-19 VACCINES SHIPMENTS FOR IMPORTATION?

ANSWER: MINISTRY OF HEALTH, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AND CUSTOMS

HOW IS THE COOPERATION BETWEEN THESE AUTHORITIES ARRANGED?

ANSWER: THE REGULATORY AGENCIES FORMED A NATIONAL TASK FORCE AND AS SUCH, THERE IS COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES CONCERNING THE CLEARANCE OF COVID-19 VACCINES.

13. IF INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE, WHAT WAS THE TIME REQUIRED FOR THE RELEASE OF THE COVID-19 VACCINES SHIPMENTS IMPORTED INTO YOUR COUNTRY?

ANSWER: THIS INFORMATION IS NOT YET AVAILABLE

14. HAS YOUR GOVERNMENT CONSIDERED DUTY AND TAX WAIVERS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF COVID-19 VACCINES?

ANSWER: YES.

15. PLEASE INCLUDE ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION YOU WISH TO SHARE.
NOT AT THIS TIME