



# COUNTER-MEASURES TO SUSTAIN TRADE FACILITATION DURING AND AFTER COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN THE OIC MEMBER COUNTRIES

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**Policy Recommendations  
to Improve and Sustain Trade Facilitation  
in OIC Countries**

## A. Recommendations for Structural Transformation

Reform Formalities and Documentation Requirements

Invest in Digital Infrastructure

Improve Risk Management Practices

Utilize the Potential of Private Sector



## B. Recommendations for Effective Coordination, Communication and Partnership

Establish National Inter-agency Coordination Mechanisms

Strengthen Cross-border Agency Cooperation

Improve Publication and Availability of Information

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## C. Recommendations for Resilient Economic Activities

Develop National Emergency Trade Facilitation Plan

Facilitate Trade for Emergency Goods

Sustain Supply Chains

Support the Continuity of the Business



# Recommendations for Structural Transformation

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- Improve Customs Risk Management Systems



# Reform Formalities and Documentation Requirements

## Simplification of formalities and documentation requirements

- efficiency at borders
- decline in compliance costs and time for traders.

## Use of customs brokers

- help traders to complete some customs formalities faster
- ensure that their import shipments meet all of the requirements set forth by the customs authorities.

## Common border procedures and uniform documentation requirements

- to comply with the same procedures and submit the same documents for the same goods regardless of the point of entry to a country
- some further considerations can be made depending on the means of transport and risk management principles.

## Rejected goods

- reject the import of goods only on the basis of non-compliance with technical or SPS requirements
- allow importers to re-consign the goods or return them to the exporter

## Temporary admission of goods

- receive special treatment to improve efficiency

# Invest in Digital Infrastructure

## Supportive IT infrastructure

- efficiency at borders
- decline in compliance costs and time for traders.

## Acceptance of digital copies

- help traders to complete some customs formalities faster
- ensure that their import shipments meet all of the requirements set forth by the customs authorities.

## Single window

- to comply with the same procedures and submit the same documents for the same goods regardless of the point of entry to a country
- some further considerations can be made depending on the means of transport and risk management principles.

## E-Signature

- reject the import of goods only on the basis of non-compliance with technical or SPS requirements
- allow importers to re-consign the goods or return them to the exporter

## Financial incentives

- receive special treatment to improve efficiency

# Utilize the Potential of Private Sector

## Infrastructure

- ports
- improvements to rail and road networks

## Trade facilitation Tools

- Single Window system,
- Authorized Economic Operator System,
- National Trade Facilitation Body
- Trade and transit corridors
- Coordinated border management



# Improve Customs Risk Management Systems

Facilitate the ATA carnet holders

Extend Authorized Economic Operator  
(AEO) certifications

Establish a risk management committee and  
set risk criteria in times of emergency



**Recommendations for  
Effective Coordination,  
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# Recommendations for Effective Coordination, Communication and Partnership

Establish National Inter-Agency Coordination Mechanisms

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# Establish National Inter-Agency Coordination Mechanisms

Authorize this agency to advise and set up binding rules and procedure

Design special measures to expedite the pandemic related goods by Customs and SPS agencies

Release necessary information in coordination with all stake holders

Report regularly to the committee on the implementation and impact of the recommendations made

# Strengthen Cross-Border Agency Cooperation

Coordinate with partner countries

Establish a consultation mechanism

Design early warning systems across borders

Disseminate information between ports

Utilize similar automation systems across borders

Determine the pandemic related products that are pre-tested in home countries fulfilling the import requirements

Determine essential pandemic related products produced under similar processes across trading partners

Implementation of the recommendations of international organizations

# Improve Publication and Availability of Information

Establish trade portals and websites to allow for more transparent dissemination of trade rules and regulations

Establish enquiry points to answer reasonable enquiries

# Expand Regional and International Partnership

Partnership with international community

Becoming party to trade and trade  
relation treaties

Exchange of experience and newly  
introduced measures -regulation platform





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# Develop National Emergency Trade Facilitation Plan

## Establish a national committee

- Governmental and non-governmental representatives

## Prepare legislations for expediting standard formalities

- Accept simplified, incomplete or summary declaration,
- Admit essential/emergency goods temporarily,
- Accept TIR carnet
- Waive the penalties imposed for delays
- Accept electronic documents

# Facilitate Trade for Emergency Goods

Reduce or eliminate tariffs

Reduce or eliminate other taxes

Set up appropriate warehousing facilities

Take measures to accelerate immediate clearance

Establish fast lanes

Use automation, electronic data processing and e-payments

Procure, deploy and use non-intrusive technology equipment at customs clearance

Announce the faster customs houses

Enable cross-border transmission and processing of crisis related data

Publish information on the classification of emergency / essential goods

Avoid disruptions in the production of essential goods

Establish and implement AEO program

# Sustain Supply Chains

Simplify procedures and regulations for exports of intermediary goods

Refrain from imposing export prohibitions, barriers or additional taxes

Speed up customs procedures

Implement pre-arrival processing & maximize the use of fast track lanes

Ensure smooth operation of transportation

Provide regular updates on rules and procedures

Expedite the clearance of importation of critical equipment and raw materials

Allow the electronic submission of data prior to the arrival of goods

# Support the Continuity of the Business



Allow importers and exporters to defer duties, taxes and fees



Reduce or eliminate fees and charges associated with trade licenses



Maintain effective communication channels with business representatives



Extend time frames for filing claims and appeals



Help firms that are hit hardest, mainly SMEs,



Provide support in finding new markets for exporters



Facilitate and encourage cross border e-commerce



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