

# Report on Supply Chain Integration Working Group meeting- 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020

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#### Agenda of the meeting:

- Update on POC Committee 1 by Japan
- Sharing of Best Practices:
  - Presentation on UPU Security Standards S58/S59 certification process by Vanuatu Post
  - Presentation on joint efforts to maintain international transport network under COVID-19 pandemic by China Post
  - Presentation on case study in COVID-19 pandemic by Vietnam Post
- Any other business



#### Opening of the meeting and adoption of agenda:

- Co-chair of the meeting, India opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.
- Attended by Secretary General, APPU, Manager (Admn and APPU Affairs) and 56 delegated from 18 countries.
- Introduction and approval of the agenda and order of discussion.
- Despite Covid-19 impact online platform ensured inclusiveness and good participation.
- India briefed about the relevance of UPU POC Committee 1 which is key to achieve goal-1 of Istanbul Postal Strategy.

#### Update on POC Committee 1 by Japan:

• The WG was informed that the POC 2020.1:

- Took note of the activities of Standards Board, Operations and Accounting Review Group, Customs Group, Transport Group, Postal Security Group and EAD Steering Committee Expert Team;
- the completion of all their deliverables;
- their contribution to the draft report to Congress on the work of POC and
- plan for continuing activities upto the first session of POC after Congress.
- Approved modification of Form CN 23 and amendments to articles 17-210, 17-216, 17-131, 20-001 and 20-002 of the Convention Regulations.



#### Update on POC Committee 1 by Japan:

- The WG was informed that the POC 2020.1:
  - Took note of report of joint expert team regarding treatment of small packets lacking S10 identifier.
  - Referred proposals to amend article 17-107 and 17-216 of Convention Regulations, regarding acceptance of postal items not compliant with ITMATT requirements, to Customs Group for further analysis.
  - Reviewed work needed for the implementation of Global Postal Model.
  - endorsed continuation of work by the POC groups on the priority Electronic Advance Data (EAD) items identified for 2019 and 2020.



#### Presentation on S58/59 Standards by Vanuatu Post:

- Discussed in detail the assessment process, methodology of evaluation of the measures put in place at Vanuatu.
- Detailed the scoring charts along with scores of Vanuatu.
- Various best practices put in place in Vanuatu along with its pictures that led to "Silver Award" for S58/S59 standards in 2019.
- It took 4-5 years for completion of entire process.

## Presentation on joint efforts to maintain the **international** transport network under the Covid-19 pandemic by China Post



- Challenges faced: cancellation of international flights, blocked routes.
- Inbound mails: China added 7 more temporary and transit gateways and encouraged multi-modal ways of transport
- Outbound mails: used China Postal Airlines and chartered flights. Took advantage of sea ports to build up own sea port network.
- Future steps: build Kunming- Bangkok route as high end route; explore "Southbound passageway" of railway transport and border mail exchange using trucks.
- Responding to the questions China Post informed that surcharge has been added to meet the increased cost during the period.
- Encouraged APPU countries to use the return flights to maintain continuity of supply chain.

## Presentation on Case Study in COVID 19 situation by Vietnam Post



- Highlighted the drop in global postal volumes and standstill global airline industry.
- Initiative taken to "keep the mail running": partnership with VNA. Online orders were increased following social distancing.
- Supported Government and Ministries to provide community services.
- Used chartered flights and alternate routes.
- International mails: partnered with DHL, UPS to ensure last mile delivery.



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