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[CPCD 2020-2021 Vaccines Border Tracker.xlsx](#)

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Hi All

Many thanks for your participation at the interagency workshop on Wednesday to discuss passenger facilitation and travel pass.

Later next week, we will look to circulate the following:

- key takeaways from the discussion
- information requests
- component parts of the work programme forming (we will assign leads, but appreciate this will be open for discussion)
- developing an FAQ about the work
- some thoughts on next step and future engagement.

I had previously mentioned that Air NZ are very keen to engage with government agencies on work the work it has under way, with respect to passenger facilitation and the IATA travel pass. This may well be in conjunction with the IATA Regional Office. I will come back out with a date – likely the week beginning 22 February. Air NZ have undertaken a range of work investigating travel pass options globally, and have undertaken a deep dive on the IATA Travel pass. FYI - Air NZ have advised in confidence that they are looking to do a small, discrete pilot of the IATA travel pass to test this from an operational perspective.

We will come through with a date as soon as possible to meet with Air NZ – but likely later in the week of 22 Feb.

You will recall at our workshop that Rachel from MFAT offered to share information that MFAT holds on vaccine certificates and travel passes. Please see attached:

- a draft issues paper produced by Australia with a summary of the various international projects in the mix at the back end of the paper
- the most recent version of the vaccines border tracker. Please note the classification level (restrict*d) as it is still in draft form. MFAT is getting ready to roll it out to Posts to be updated weekly. Once it has been rolled out to Posts, Rachael is happy to provide a weekly update to this group (if others would find this helpful).

We also think it would be useful to map out all of the international engagement that agencies

are involved in on travel and vaccine certification, sooner rather than later.

To this end, I would be grateful if you could send me a list of engagements you are involved in (for example, through ICAO, IATA, OECD, Five Eyes). I am particularly interested in the ICAO ones from a transport perspective across the board. But it would be helpful to map all the meetings that agencies are involved in on travel and vaccines certification, ensure alignment and targeted effort.

MFAT has also kindly agreed to facilitate a mapping exercise, and discussion cross agencies on international engagement, coordination, and NZ positions as these develop. Will be in touch.

Please feel free to forward this on to anyone in your organisation I have missed.

Cheers
Bev

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Subject: Passenger Facilitation / Travel Passes Workshop

When: Wednesday, 10 February 2021 11:00 AM-1:00 PM (UTC+12:00) Auckland, Wellington.

Where: 3QW: Workshop (VC-S-Prof)

Dear All

Further to Bev Driscoll's email earlier this week, this is the calendar appointment for the interagency workshop on policy and operational settings for future passenger facilitation, and how travel passes could be implemented in New Zealand.

This work will sit under the "Keep it out" pillar of the Elimination Strategy and be overseen by the Border Executive Board.

The purpose of the interagency workshop is to:

- map out the end to end process
- identify the policy and operational questions we think we need to answer
- discuss agencies areas of interest, responsibility and next steps.

The meeting will be held in person at the Ministry of Transport. Unfortunately we are not able to add a zoom option in at this point given room availability – apologies in advance for this. An Agenda and power point slides to inform the workshop discussion will be circulated prior.

I appreciate that we weren't able to get everyone's preferred date for the workshop, but we have opted with the date that suits the majority – thanks also for those who are able to move their diaries around.

Just a heads-up that we will also send a calendar appointment out for a session with Air NZ for the following week. Air NZ is keen to connect and brief officials on the work it has underway on passenger facilitation and IATAs travel pass work. At this point, we are looking at Thursday, 18 February from 1.30. – 3.00pm for the Air NZ session.

Please feel free to give Bev Driscoll a call to discuss any of the above on [REDACTED].

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Regards

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