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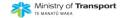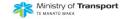# Passenger Facilitation/Health Certificates

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Aim of Workshop

1. **Agree objectives and scope**

2. **Define key policy and operational questions "end-to-end"**

3. **Understand relevant work agencies have been involved in**

4. **Develop work programme**
   - ▶ focus of efforts (including at international level)
   - ▶ responsibilities

5. **Decide how we will engage**
   - ▶ with each other
   - ▶ With elimination strategy: Keep it Out
   - ▶ with the Border Executive Board

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Proposed Policy Objectives

1. **"Keep it out" (Elimination Strategy)**

2. **Progressively open our borders, through letting in more people MIQ-free**
   - when the health science indicates it is safe to do so, and
   - the Government is comfortable with the level of risk and associated health measures, and
   - recognising that international connectivity remains fundamental to the economic and social wellbeing of New Zealanders and NZ's recovery

3. **Enable people to travel from NZ to other jurisdictions (enduring legacy)**

Agency Interests

Agency	Responsibility/Interest	International engagement (multilateral)
MOT	• International aviation connectivity and sustainability • Aviation industry engagement • Transport regulations • With CAA lead role in ICAO who sets aviation travel standards, and with Maritime IMO who sets maritime travel standards	International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) International Air Transport Association (IATA) Five Country Aviation Security (A5) International Maritime Organisation
MOH	• Elimination strategy • Public health interests • Domestic vaccine approval and roll-out • Set health requirements for entry (testing and vaccination) • Technology solutions (inc records of vaccination) • Health regulations	World Health Organization (WHO)
MFAT	• Post network (international access), NZ Inc staff network, engagement with diplomatic corps • Trade links and people movement (including QFT links) • Consular • International/bilateral relationship impacts • Pacific	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Five Country COVID-19 Vaccines Recognition Group
Customs	• Border process – data-sharing, on-the-ground verification, data protection	World Customs Organisation Customs Administrations

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MBIE	• Immigration - border process for non-New Zealanders, alignment of passenger facilitation processes • Policy links to economic prosperity and rebuilding • Work on ETA platform • MIQ impacts	Five Country Human Biosecurity Group (HBG5)
DIA	• Passports and digital travel credentials • Pacific (capacity-building)	International Air Transport Association (IATA) ICAO Digital Travel Accreditation subgroup (Chair) ICAO Facilitation Panel
MPI	• Bio-security- border process and how it fits with future model	
DPMC	• Cross-government lens; including relationship to wider Government strategy	
Treasury	• Links to Living Standards Framework • Economic policy	
NZTE	• Supporting exporters/links to business travellers	

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Key Stakeholder Interests

Stakeholder	Responsibility/Interest	International engagement
Airlines	• Operationalise health measures and aviation standards • Critical to industry recovery	International Air Transport Association (IATA) International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
Maritime/ Cruise Industry	• Operationalise heath measures and aviation standards • Critical to industry recovery	
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End-to-end process summary

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Health and Border Settings

Defining the questions

▶ **Are the questions right?**

▶ **What other questions do we have?**

▶ **How do we address the questions?**
  - ▶ Who is responsible?
  - ▶ How to address?
  - ▶ What work is already underway?
  - ▶ What are the interdependencies?
  - ▶ Timeframe?

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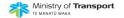# Key Questions – Health & Border Settings

What do we know about the effect of vaccines on transmissibility?

- ▶ No risk of transmission
- ▶ Very low risk of Transmission
- ▶ Virus can still be transmitted

When will we know more? What is the process for updating knowledge?

Under what conditions could vaccination allow us to adjust health-related entry requirements?

- ▶ Remove/reduce MIQ requirements? Isolation?
- ▶ With/without other health measures? (e.g. pre and post departure testing)
- ▶ When certain portions of population are vaccinated? (e.g. when stage one and two of vaccine strategy vaccinated)
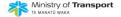
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Key Questions - Health & Border Settings

Which vaccines could allow us to adjust entry requirements?

► Approval mechanism?
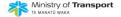
► Links to international standards (see separate slides)

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Key Questions - Health & Border Settings

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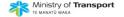TE MANATŪ WAKA

Health Certificates

Proposed Criteria for Certificates

▶ Secure

▶ Globally interoperable

▶ Internationally verifiable

▶ Simple for border agencies and sector (airlines, ports) to implement

▶ Simple for the traveller

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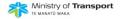TE MANATŪ WAKA

Key Questions – Certificates

Person entering NZ

What information would New Zealand require about vaccine?

- ▶ Type of information (form of vaccine, batch number, date and place administered etc)

- ▶ International Standards alignment

- ▶ How do we verify the information (including drawing on international processes and standards)?

- ▶ How to match with identity data?

What are others likely to require?

- ▶ Other jurisdictions?

- ▶ Airline requirements?

Key Questions – Certificates

Person entering NZ

In what form will the information be/how will it be shared?

- ▶ Is it a paper or electronic certificate, or both (what about for countries with limited technology e.g. pacific)?
- ▶ When do travellers provide vaccine information (e.g. is it at boarding (first or last point of departure?)/when booking a ticket/ getting a visa)?
- ▶ If MIQ still in place, how does this work with MIQ booking system?
- ▶ What is the role of airlines/maritime operators in receiving and sharing the information?
- ▶ How/when would border agencies receive and verify the information? Who?
- ▶ How does it interact with work on ██████████████████ Timing?
- ▶ What are the technological solutions emerging internationally? IATA Travel pass? (See separate slides)

What are the privacy and security considerations?

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Key Questions – Certificates

How do we ensure our requirements are similar/work with other Jurisdictions to also support people to travel from NZ?

- ► How do we in vaccinating people now capture information which will be critical for travel later?

- ► What kind of certification can we provide people?

- ► How do we ensure we understand what our key transport hubs require (see international standards and processes?

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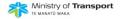# International Standards and Processes

International standards and processes

Who and how do we want to align, e.g. geopolitical interests, aviation hubs?

- ► Australia
- ► Asia-Pacific (note commitments to green lanes/passengers previously)
- ► Key aviation hubs – Singapore, Hong Kong, USA, Dubai, Qatar
- ► Five Country groupings (HBG5, Vaccine Recognition group)
- ► Do we/how do we engage with Pacific Island countries?

Where do we focus our efforts?

- ► Where are standards being developed? (WHO, ICAO, WCO etc)
- ► What technological solutions are emerging? (e.g. IATA Travel Pass, WHO, CommonPass)
- ► Which are the most promising?
- ► Where will we be a standards taker and where should we try to influence standards?
- ► How do we partner with industry? (e.g. Air NZ engagement with IATA)

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Other questions for workshop

- How do we think about maritime?

- Focus is on vaccination. Do we also consider inclusion of testing information?

- Focus is on international travel. How does this relate to other domestic uses for health certificates?

- How/when do we engage outside Government?

- How do we move forward from here?

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