

CPTPP Committee on Temporary Entry for Business Persons

Committee Report

1. The Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) Committee on Temporary Entry for Business Persons (TEBP) was held virtually on 16th July 2021. Delegates from the following CPTPP members participated: Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Viet Nam. Mr. Toru Kajiwara of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, chaired the Committee.
2. The Committee agenda is attached at **ANNEX A**.
3. A summary of the Committee's discussion and any outcomes agreed under the respective agenda items is set out below.
4. AGENDA ITEM 1: Countries of Chair and Vice-Chairs made initial remarks.
5. AGENDA ITEM 2: The Committee agreed to adopt the agenda.
6. AGENDA ITEM 3: The Committee agreed to adopt the CPTPP Commission's Rules of Procedure (CPTPP/COM/2019/D005).
 - Regarding the frequency of meeting (the first paragraph of the Rules of Procedure), the Committee confirmed that these rules will be applied mutatis mutandis, in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 12.7.
7. AGENDA ITEM 4: Members shared and explained their own experience and border control measures under COVID-19 situations.
 - New Zealand shared updates and efforts on resumption of cross-border travel at APEC, including discussion at roundtable on safe passage in May 2021 and virtual APEC Business Travel Card.
 - Mexico explained the impact of COVID-19 on the movement of business persons, including procedures for preventing the transmission of the virus, as well as new measures to facilitate immigration formalities, such as the possibility to complete and obtain the Multiple Immigration Form online.

- Singapore presented the overview of their arrangements for entry to the country, such as the immigration measures, “Reciprocal Green Lanes” and “Air Travel Pass.”
- Australia underscored economic benefits of reopening the border as soon as it is safe to do so, referring to its ongoing consideration regarding possible requirements for inbound travelers, including digital vaccination authentication.
- Canada explained its changes and refinements with regard to COVID-19 related border measures, adapting to the situation.
- Chile offered to make a brief presentation on its new legislation concerning immigration measures for temporary entry of business persons at the next meeting.
- Japan presented cross-border travel restrictions and its exceptions for the pandemic of COVID-19, efforts for easing of the restrictions, and quarantine measures.
- Malaysia explained about its quarantine requirements after entering the country such as installing mobile app to keep track on the movement of people.
- Peru presented outlines of the cross-border travel restrictions and efforts to reopen the border, as well as of its measures for ABTC holders.
- Viet Nam explained its quarantine measures after entering the country.

8. AGENDA ITEM 5: Members discussed when the next Committee should be convened.

- Mexico expressed their interest to continue to discuss COVID-19 - related measures in the Committee.
- Singapore added their views that the next meeting would depend on substantive agenda items to be discussed in the Committee.
- Japan as the Chair of this year proposed to continue intersessionally consultation among the members regarding a next meeting to keep under review the situation of COVID-19 and to solicit possible agenda items from interested Members.

9. AGENDA ITEM 6: The Committee agreed to finalize its report by correspondence.

ANNEX A

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AGENDA	
Date and Time:	16 th July 2021, 9:00 am (Tokyo Time)
Venue:	Video-Conference
ITEM 1:	Initial Remarks (Chair and Vice Chairs)
ITEM 2:	Adoption of the Agenda
ITEM 3:	Adoption of Rules of Procedure
ITEM 4:	Review of the implementation and operation of Chapter 12
ITEM 5:	Work Plan of the Committee
ITEM 6:	Other Issues including Committee Report