

Transportations & Logistics Sector Committee Newsletter



TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS SECTOR COMMITTEE MEETING

Time: 25 February 2022

*Venue: Teams meeting & EuroCham
office*

TLSC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On February 25th, the Annual General Meeting of TLSC was conducted in EuroCham office and via teleconference. In the meeting, the Board gave an overview of TLSC's activities in 2021, updates on current situation of TLSC's concerns, budget review and a discussion of 2022 agenda.

In 2022, TLSC still aims to strengthen relationship with Customs, especially in Vung Tau, Hai Phong and Ho Chi Minh.

After the meeting, TLSC members gather for a get-together at Berlin in Deutsch Haus. We hope to have more members join these unofficial drink in the future!

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On the evening of 17 March 2022, EuroCham held our Extraordinary and Annual General Meeting 2022, bringing together hundreds of our members both in Hanoi and HCM.

This event included an overview of our 2021 activities, a preview of 2022, an election for EuroCham's 2022 Board of Directors, as well as votes on statute changes, the 2021 AGM minutes, the 2021 auditor's report, the 2022 auditor and the 2022 budget.

EUROCHAM UPDATES

Partnership between Vietnamese and European business communities is essential to meeting Vietnam's ambitious COP26 commitments. For this purpose, EuroCham will host a three-day conference and exhibition in Ho Chi Minh City called GEFE 2022 (Green Economy Forum and Exhibition). It will promote B2B and B2G dialogue, and offer a platform for all stakeholders to discuss, find and apply green solutions in Vietnam.



On Monday, 7 March, the GEFE team met with the chairs of each of EuroCham's associated business associations. On 10 March, GEFE and EuroCham staffers met with EU member state commercial section heads and trade counsellors. The meetings were held in order to align the visions of all parties to coordinate and facilitate productive cooperation.

GENERAL UPDATES



VN - CN CROSSBORDER SITUATION

On March 22, the Department of Foreign Affairs of Son La province issued Official Letter No. 109/SNV-QLBG in response to Official Letter No. 375/SNV.HP dated March 10, 2022 of the Department of Foreign Affairs of Hua Phan Province (Laos) on the reopen the pair of main border gates and auxiliary border gates between the two provinces.

Currently, major Chinese ports such as Shanghai, Shenzhen, and Guangzhou... all apply Covid-19 surveillance measures. Imported shipments have to queue to test for COVID-19, which can be tested randomly or 100%. China has also blocked entry to vehicles through Vietnam's Huu Nghi Border Gate in Lang Son Province after finding some drivers infected with Covid-19.

In order to limit risks for businesses and reduce congestion in the context of slow customs clearance at border gates, the Department of Industry and Trade of Lang Son province has continuously notified businesses and related units about the weighting of goods. They are also arranging a reasonable time to bring the goods to the border gates of Lang Son province for export.

VMSS CONFIRMS DURING ANNUAL MEETING CAI MEP CHANNEL DEEPENING TO 15.5M

CMIT has attended the annual VMSS meeting with keynote speeches by Vice Minister of Transport Nguyen Xuan Sang and CMIT CEO Nguyen Xuan Ky. The importance and development of Cai Mep channel (as well as other major other channel) to serve 24/7 vessel and port operations in one of the busiest gateway port in Vietnam was highlighted during this meeting. At the same time it was announced the Cai Mep Channel will be dredged from 14m to 15.5m this year. This important project will help reducing vessel delays as large containerships will be able to arrive and depart from their berth in one of the Cai Mep Port Complex with fewer restrictions and delays. In addition it will allow shipping lines to introduce extra or larger capacity from Vietnam to the rest of the world.