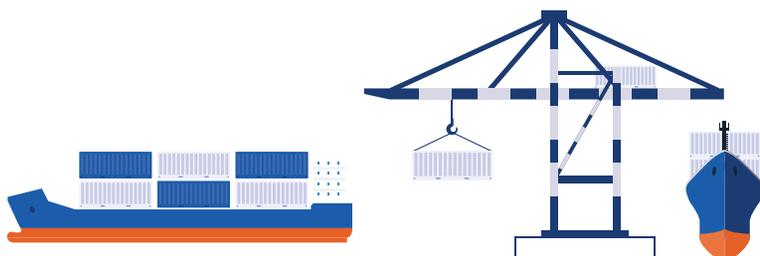


Fast Pass: Urgent Action Required To Avert A New Supply Chain Bottleneck

Congress and the Biden Administration need to take urgent action to “fast pass” critical medical supplies. Without prompt action, this fall and winter may see a repeat of the shipping delays that harmed the medical supply chain last year.

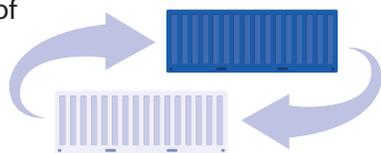
Pilot Program To Expedite Medical Supplies

As Chinese ports continue a phased reopening, medical distributors expect to see a shipping surge of medical supplies competing for delivery alongside increased shipments of back-to-school supplies, Halloween costumes, and holiday toys. Medical distributors warn that increased shipping volumes will prompt delays of healthcare products coinciding with a spike in cold, flu, and COVID-19 cases in the fall and winter months.



Partner With Ports: The U.S. Departments of Transportation, Health and Human Services, and Homeland Security would partner with one or more marine terminal operators.

Lift Restrictions On Empty Returns: For full containers to leave the ports, empty containers must return. Lifting restrictions on the return of empties will expedite the flow of containers.



Pop-Up Ports: Designated space for truck pick-up at lots outside the port for medical supply containers.

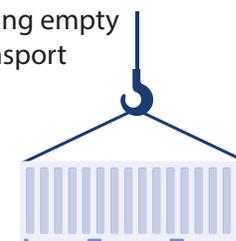


Identify And Prioritize: Government officials, port leaders, freight operators and the medical products industry would identify, define, and prioritize **critical**



medical cargo for expedited processing.

Free Up Truck Chassis: Grounding empty containers frees up chassis to transport more containers full of supplies.



No-Appointment Trucking: Ports would allow trucks to pick up medical supply containers at ports without an appointment.