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Hi fellow directors,

Craziest week end of my life!

If you have any new information to report for the board call on covid-19 tomorrow, please let me know. My biggest concern is that we are going to see a breakdown in our transport logistics as almost all internal EU borders are closing tonight. Trucks should be allowed through but no one is certain how that will work in practice.

I'm crossing my fingers that the Commission will deliver green lanes for us tomorrow and some declaration that our factories need to stay open. Sorry if that sounds like *the triumph of hope over experience*.

Thanks for all your support!!!

This is what I've compiled.

China:

- Production is resuming in China but there are problems with logistics. Uncertainty on timelines for delivery.
- Uncertainty of potential second wave of the virus in other regions in China.
- Two companies have reported that some sites requisitioned for antiviral production against the outbreak.

India:

- Export restrictions aimed to balance national need and export need.
- So far, one OTC paracetamol shortage announced in EU in relation to this.
- Virus starting to spread in India (+60 deaths). Social distancing measures now introduced.
- Medicines for Europe to join WHO dialogue with Indian producers on impact of Covid-19 this week.
- Members to assess risk of disruptions from India

Italy:

- Outbreak continues (over 20000 cases). Hospitals overwhelmed by the situation. Medicines for Europe working with chemical industry to get basic antiseptics to hospitals.
- Our production remains open. However, anticipated impact on productivity due to potential worker absenteeism.
- Border blockages slowly resolved. Austria kept highways open over the weekends and now Italian truck drivers can get through under certain conditions (they cannot unload the trucks). Pharmig – helping get trucks through the car lane at the border (reduces delay from 36-12 hours).

Croatia:

- introduced measures to allow trucks through the border. Again drivers not allowed to unload the trucks.

Malta:

- looking for supplies of chloroquine and lopinavir/ritonavir to stockpile for the outbreak (experimental use). Might be the case in other countries??? (UK, Poland have specific restrictions on exports of these medicines)

Germany/Poland/Czech/Romania/Spain/Denmark:

- borders to close but trucks can pass. Expect logistics chaos for next few days as border crossing times rise exponentially.
- Not sure what is going on with rail/ports/ships/air freight. Chemical industry has had major rail shipments blocked in some countries in CEE (leading to major problems supplying critical chemicals).

Spain in state of emergency.

Most other countries in partial closure:

- Belgium, NL, France, Poland, Portugal, Denmark, most CEE, etc, etc. Hopefully these measures will slow the outbreak so that it wont hit all countries at the same time. However it will only slow down the spread.

EU:

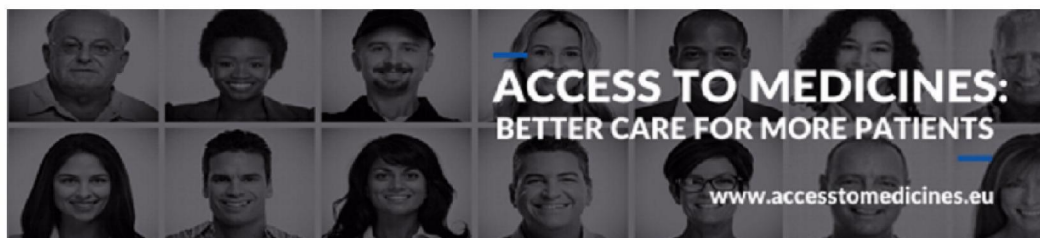
- The Commission is starting to wake up to the challenge.
- Commission put pressure on France/Germany to loosen restrictions on PPE and it worked! It's not common for the Commission to have leverage over France/Germany. This is a good precedent to manage possible national export restrictions (other than parallel trade) in countries.
- Commission is prioritising our request for green lanes and transport. Let's hope it works with member states tomorrow.

WHO:

- Very helpful in pushing countries to keep exports of medicines open also only organisation with insights into China. In contact with IGBA and us directly. Putting pressure where they can (ie when Italy risked closing our production). Really helpful right now.

Some concerns we are seeing:

- Special safety measures for truck drivers are required. Received information from International Road Union. Are all members aware of this? Important to get trucks through borders. Maybe we can share best practice for truck driver safety.
- Still seeing risk of medicines & chemicals production shut downs in countries with the outbreak (basically all countries). Need to get lessons learned from Italy: Keep pharma production and distribution going as it is vital for healthcare.
- Concerned about stockpiling of experimental drugs for covid-19 (chloroquine, lopinavir/ritonavir): preferable to ramp up production if this is what governments are planning to do. Members to enquire about this and other potential demand surges coming up.
- Keep us informed of any shortages of medicines and we will work through the network to get what we can.
- What else can we do to maximise production? What about stopping FMD serialisation for the next couple of months? This would increase production speed and release QA people for other tasks.
- We need to plan for possible challenges for our suppliers from India. The Indian government will face major challenges managing this situation. We recommend doing risk assessments now.



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