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## PH cold chain roadmap eyes up to 15% annual capacity growth

- The Philippine Cold Chain Industry Roadmap launched on Dec 14 aims to increase cold storage capacity by 10% to 15%, or 50,000 pallets, annually
- Revenue from the cold chain industry expected to reach P20 billion by end of 2023, excluding demand for storage of COVID-19 vaccines
- Roadmap to employ a Go-5 Synergy strategy for next five years, including five goals, five focus industries, and five focus agenda

formally launched the Philippine Cold Chain Industry Roadmap, which targets a 10% to 15% increase in cold storage capacity annually, or 50,000 pallets more each year, to serve increasing needs of various industries.

The revenue of the country's cold chain industry is expected to reach P20 billion by end of 2023, not including demand for storage of COVID-19 vaccines to be imported into the country in the next three to five years, according to Trade undersecretary and BOI managing head Ceferino Rodolfo in a speech during the launch.

He said the industry is a crucial link

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## DTI downgrades 2022 export target to \$104B

- The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) cut its medium-term export projections from the US\$130 billion target by 2022 to \$103.9 billion**
- Travel goods, garments, and wood-based industries hit hardest by COVID-19 restrictions**
- Goods and services exports for 2020 seen to shrink by 14.7% before growing by 12.4% in 2021 and by 14.8% in 2022**
- DTI believes four industries will post positive growth rates by the end of 2020: vehicle auto parts, other minerals, other fruits and vegetables, and basketwork**

THE Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) has adjusted its medium-term export projections in the Philippine Export Development Plan (PEDP) 2018-2022 from the original US\$130 billion target by 2022 to \$103.9 billion.

"Given that the COVID-19 disrupted several business models, it will be difficult to go achieve our pre-pandemic targets. Hence, we had to adjust our projections based also on the various inputs from industry stakeholders," Trade Secretary

Ramon Lopez said in a statement.

The DTI chief earlier said the PEDP is undergoing its periodic review and the agency has "proposed revisions aligned with the pandemic effects and impact to our economy."

Lopez said travel goods, garments, and wood-based industries were hit the most by the weak global demand and a decrease in production due to COVID-19 restrictions.

According to Lopez, "The new projection can also be viewed as a fighting target for DTI, given the challenges of the pandemic and the emergence of new strains, and given that this is higher than the \$86 billion set by the Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC)."

DBCC, in its latest macroeconomic assumptions, forecast that goods exports will contract by 16% this year but should expand 5% by 2021 and 2022.

Lopez is also optimistic that new investments and the build-up of export capacities will be realized with the expected immediate passage of the Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises (CREATE) Act and the extension of Republic Act No. 11494 or the We Recover As One Act. Both laws are seen to impact the country's

export recovery in the next few years.

According to DTI forecasts, goods and services exports for 2020 will shrink by 14.7% to \$80.5 billion. Exports will then grow by 12.4% to \$90.5 billion in 2021 and by 14.8% to \$103.9 billion in 2022.

Lopez had asked the DTI-Export Marketing Bureau (DTI-EMB) to review the targets given the drastic change in the global business environment.

According to the Semiconductor and Electronics Industries in the Philippines, Inc., electronic products group, which consistently comprises more than half of Philippine exports, is forecast to see a 7% decline for 2020 and a 7% growth in 2021. A majority of these electronics exports are semiconductors.

Philippine services exports projections, meanwhile, were based on market intelligence forecasts of 17.1% in 2020, 11.0% in 2021, and 14.8% in 2022. The Information Technology and Business Process Association of the Philippines' (ITBPAP) assumptions of 0.5% decline for 2020 and 3.5% growth in 2021 were also taken into account.

DTI said service exports will be lifted by ITBPAP's growth forecast, as well as

continued growth in health information management, content development, the creatives industry, and the expected recovery in travel-related goods and services sectors due to vaccines being made available in the next two years.

For 2020, DTI found that four industries will have positive growth rates by the end of the year. These are vehicle auto parts (15.4%), other minerals—mostly copper and nickel ore (29.9%), other fruits and vegetables (8.6%), and basketwork (28.3%).

Lopez said DTI will focus on supporting the growth of winning industries with greater opportunities. These industries include high-value electronics, automotive and e-vehicles parts, processed food, minerals, other minerals, information technology-business process management, and creatives.

DTI-EMB will also meet with stakeholders to refine sectoral targets and strategies.

"A whole-of-nation approach and a stronger support to the private manufacturing and services industries and academic collaboration are needed to work on achieving the fighting targets set," Lopez said.

## BOC 2020 collection exceeds target by 6.6%

- 2020 collection target surpassed by 6.6% but revenue is 14.4% lower than the 2019 collection**
- 10 of 17 collection districts exceeded annual collection targets**
- BOC exceeded monthly target by 9.1% in December alone, the seventh consecutive month it hit its monthly goal**

THE Bureau of Customs (BOC) collected

P539.660 billion in revenues in 2020, surpassing its annual target of P506.150 billion by 6.6%.

The 2020 revenue was, however, 14.4% lower than the P630.571 billion collected in 2019.

Based on preliminary data from BOC's Financial Service, 10 of the 17 collection districts exceeded their annual collection targets: Cebu, Tacloban, Surigao, Cagayan de Oro, Zamboanga, Davao, Subic, Clark,

Aparri, and Limay.

For December alone, BOC recorded P47.316-billion revenue, 9.1% higher than the P43.368 billion target for the month. BOC in a statement said it is also its seventh consecutive month in 2020 of exceeding its monthly goal.

The bureau attributes its positive revenue collection performance to improved valuation and intensified collection efforts of all collection districts, gradual improve-

ment of importation volume, and to ensuring unhampered movement of goods amid the pandemic.

The 2020 collection target was 30.8% lower than the original target of P731 billion and by 6.6% from the revised target of P541.703 billion set last May. The lower revenue target was in view of the adverse impact of the coronavirus disease pandemic on the Philippine economy.

## DTI slaps safeguard duties on imported passenger cars, light vehicles

- Provisional safeguard duties of P70,000 per unit will be imposed on imported passenger cars, and P110,000 per unit on imported light commercial vehicles**
- The safeguard duty aims to protect the domestic motor vehicle manufacturing industry, which has suffered from increased imports of passenger and light vehicles**
- The provisional safeguard measures take effect for 200 days from the issuance of an order by the Commissioner of Customs and while the case is under investigation by the Tariff Commission**

THE Department of Trade and Industry

(DTI) will impose provisional safeguard duties on imported passenger and light commercial vehicles to protect the struggling domestic motor vehicle manufacturing industry.

The provisional safeguard duties will be in the form of a cash bond amounting to P70,000 per unit for imported passenger cars and P110,000 per unit for imported light commercial vehicles.

DTI moved to impose the safeguard duties after determining that increased importation of passenger cars and light commercial vehicles is a substantial cause of serious injury to the domestic motor vehicle manufacturing industry.

The agency undertook the preliminary determination for safeguard measures upon a petition filed by the Philippine

Metalworkers Alliance (PMA).

DTI's preliminary determination also found that critical circumstances exist where delay in imposing the measure would cause the industry damage which would be difficult to repair.

"The Philippines has one of the most open markets relative to our ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) neighbors. While we generally do not restrict products coming into the market, we also need to ensure the level playing field for our local industry," Trade Secretary Ramon Lopez said in a statement.

Lopez added that the provisional safeguard measures will provide "a breathing space to the domestic industry which has been facing a surge in importation of competing brands."

He clarified that importation will not be banned and consumers may still choose imported models, but those vehicles covered by the rule "shall have safeguard import duties."

"With that being said, it will also facilitate the structural adjustment of the local industry to be more cost-efficient and technologically advanced," he explained.

The provisional safeguard measures take effect for 200 days from the issuance of an order by the Commissioner of Customs and while the case is under formal investigation by the Tariff Commission (TC).

Under Republic Act No. 8800, or the Safeguard Measures Act,

any person, whether natural or juridical, belonging to or representing a domestic industry may file with the DTI secretary a verified petition requesting action to remedy the serious injury to the domestic industry caused by increased imports of a like or directly substitutable product.

DTI noted that in this case, the petitioner is PMA, which is a national union of automotive, iron and steel, electronics, and electrical sectors, including affiliates composed of key players in the automotive industry.

DTI's findings showed that imports of passenger cars have increased by an average of 35% during the period of investigation (POI) from 2014 to 2018, while the share of imports relative to production showed that imports exceeded domestic production from 295% in 2014 to 349% in 2018.

Imports of light commercial vehicles, which include pick-up trucks, on the other hand, significantly increased during the period from 17,273 units in 2014 to 51,969 units in 2018. Likewise, the share of imports relative to domestic production also significantly increased from 645% in 2015 to 1,364% in 2018.

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# PH manufacturing decline accelerates in Nov

- Philippine manufacturing sector continued to contract in both volume and value for the ninth consecutive month in November 2020
- Volume of Production Index in November dropped 10.8% while Value of Production Index fell 13.8%, both drops faster than the recorded declines in October 2020
- The contraction was due to decline in more than 15 industry groups, led by petroleum products, tobacco, and printing
- Average capacity utilization rate by manufacturers in November 2020 slowed slightly to 70.9% from 71.8% in the previous month

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The Volume of Production Index (VoPI) dropped 10.8% in November 2020, faster than the 9.3% decline in October 2020, according to the Philippine Statistics Authority's (PSA) latest Monthly

Integrated Survey of Selected Industries.

The downturn in VoPI was influenced by the two-digit decrements in the indices of 16 industry groups led by petroleum products (-61.9%), tobacco products (-58.6%) and printing (-51.5%).

The Value of Production Index (VaPI) likewise posted a downturn of 13.8% in November 2020, faster than the decrease in the previous month of 12.3%.

## Industry groups that fared poorly

Contributory to the faster annual decline of VaPI were the decreases in the indices of 17 industry groups. Among these industry groups, the top three were petroleum products (-66.0%), tobacco products (-56.9%) and printing (-50.8%).

Based on responding establishments, the average capacity utilization rate for the manufacturing sector in November 2020 was 70.9%, down from 71.8% in the previous month.

Six of the 20 industry groups had at least 80% average capacity utilization rate. These groups were led by machinery except electrical (91.7%), followed by electrical machinery (85.4%), and furniture and fixtures (84.4%).

The proportion of establishments that operated at full capacity (90% to 100%)

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was 20.1% of the total number of responding establishments. More than 45% operating at 70% to 89% capacity, while 34.3% operated below 70% capacity.

# Rising container freight rates not easing in early 2021—experts

- Increase in box transport rates to continue several weeks more into the new year
- Container shortages, surge in demand and heavy US and Europe port congestions prompting box rate spikes
- Chinese Lunar New Year holiday starting Feb 12 may not provide respite shippers hope for
- Major shipowners working to procure more containers from manufacturers and leasing companies

from Asia in January as heavy congestion at ports in the US and Europe made it difficult to reposition equipment to export terminals in Asia," it said in an analysis posted December 29.

"These shortages prompted shipowners to announce additional rate increases for January from what are already multiyear highs."

Freightwaves, provider of near-time market analytics on freight, logistics, and transportation, agreed, saying "the stage appears set for continued ultra-high rates in January."

In a December 29 report, it said surging demand for ocean freight and the resulting global equipment shortage have pushed rates up across most of the major ex-Asia lanes late last month.

After adding surcharges in mid-December, a number of carriers are scheduled to implement general rate increases, it continued.

Platts said the coronavirus pandemic-related lockdowns caused a fundamental shift in consumer spending in 2020 towards manufactured goods and away from

SHIPPERS need to brace themselves for the worse as industry analysts agree trans-Pacific container freight rates are likely to continue to rise going into the new year.

S&P Global Platts, a global energy and commodities information provider, said the increase in container shipping rates is expected to continue several weeks more into 2021 until box supply in Asia increases to match demand.

"Container freight rates may see an additional period of uplift for major routes

services and travel, spurring the massive increase in demand for Asian exports.

US container import volumes across 12 major ports are on track to beat 2019 volumes, Platts noted, citing the National Retail Federation (NRF).

US imports are expected to end the year at around 21.8 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs), matching 2018 as the busiest year on record, according to estimates from the NRF's Global Port Tracker.

And the Chinese Lunar New Year holiday starting February 12 may not provide the respite from the volume spike that shippers are hoping for, added Platts.

It said a European shipowner disclosed that "we are still booked up for several months out and big box retailers are still showing us very strong demand from January to March and beyond."

"We are hearing from our clients that they are not looking to shut factories as normal around Chinese New Year and will retain that workforce. It might be like Golden Week where there is just a blip and then back to how it was going," the shipowner said.

But major shipowners are working to procure a much greater supply of containers from manufacturers and leasing companies to meet the unexpected shift in demand in the second half of 2020, said Platts.

"The container shortages we are seeing were unexpected, and we have also faced shortages from having too many containers in the wrong places," Rolf Habben Jansen, CEO of German shipowner Hapag-Lloyd, said at a virtual forum on December 9.

"I expect the situation for Hapag will be close to normal in six to eight weeks from today. That is with the boxes already underway, as well as new boxes and new leasings coming in."

As shipowners get the equipment they need to meet demand, more capacity will become available and shippers are seen to have more bargaining power to push for rate reductions, Platts said.

Earlier a Chinese government official said container manufacturers in China have extended normal working hours to produce 300,000 TEUs every month to resolve the container shortage.

# PH Purchasing Managers' Index dips in Dec as operating conditions worsen

## demand and output.

The Philippines' Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) fell from 49.9 in November to 49.2 in December, once again indicating contraction

Operating conditions worsened in December as ongoing pandemic-related restrictions hit local manufacturers hard, impacting both demand and output

Material shortages and supply chain pressures added pressure to operating conditions, while reduced output led to more job cuts

The sentiment regarding output in 2021 remained in positive territory, with the degree of confidence at its highest since February

Operating conditions across the Philippines manufacturing sector worsened in the final month of 2020 as ongoing pandemic-related restrictions hit manufacturers hard, impacting both

in the final month of 2020.

Firms surveyed mentioned that ongoing pandemic restrictions weighed on domestic demand.

Demand from abroad continued to expand, however, with exports rising for the fourth month running. Greater demand for Filipino products in key export markets were reported by survey panelists.

Patel said material shortages and supply chain pressures placed added pressure on operating conditions, whilst reduced output led to another month of sharp job cuts.

A combination of material shortages and COVID-19 restrictions contributed to another monthly deterioration in vendor performance. Supply chain pressures have been registered each month since August 2019, with the latest extension to lead times being marked overall.

Higher input costs and softer new order inflows led firms to reduce purchasing activity in December, depleting stocks of both raw materials and finished goods

Patel noted, however, that positives could be drawn from the latest survey findings; new orders neared stability and sentiment recovered to levels seen before the start of the pandemic.

"At the same time, case numbers have moderated with expectations that restrictions will ease over the coming months," Patel noted.

Although the latest overall sector contraction was only marginal, domestic demand remains challenging which may stymie progress on the lengthy road to recovery, she added.

The sentiment regarding output in 2021 remained in positive territory, with the degree of confidence at its highest since February.

New product launches and hopes of greater demand fueled optimism in December. That said, the level of positive sentiment was still below the series average, as respondents noted that uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 weighed on expectations.

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## Maersk seeking solutions to US exporters' complaints of box shortages

- **Maersk assures it is finding ways to resolve the current container shortages and logistics bottlenecks amid surging US importation of goods**
- **US exporters and the US Federal Maritime Commission complain foreign carriers are rejecting American exports in favor of sending back empty containers to China**
- **US import demand spiked during the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to the limited availability of empty containers in the US**
- **Surging import cargoes have also been causing challenges for local truckers in major US ports**

GLOBAL shipping and logistics company Maersk said it is "taking steps to address the concerns of the US export community and the trucking industry feeling the impact during this already difficult time" of supply chain bottlenecks at major US ports.

In a written statement on December 30, Maersk said it is taking very seriously the current situation of intermodal equipment flow imbalances resulting from surging US importation of goods, and working toward finding solutions.

"Every component of Maersk's integrated global logistics business model is working across the entire logistics spectrum to respond with solutions involving all supply chain participants," it assured.

The Danish shipping giant is responding to complaints from US exporters and the US Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) that foreign carriers are rejecting US exports in favor of sending back empty containers to be filled with Chinese goods.

This trend developed shortly after Chinese transport authorities reportedly met with major carriers and demanded they curb rates as well as reinstate some canceled sailings.

The FMC, the US agency that regulates ocean commerce, last month wrote to the World Shipping Council over "our growing concern about reports that ocean carriers are refusing the carriage of U.S. exports."

"While we understand the current surge of import cargoes into the United States has stretched our supply chain's capacity to handle cargo in certain seaports, it is of great concern, if true, that focus on the delivery of surge import cargoes works to the detriment of U.S. exporters," the letter written by Commissioners Carl Bentzel and Daniel Maffei said.

Maersk said US import demand spiked

during the COVID-19 pandemic due to changing consumer spending patterns, a situation that has led to the limited availability of empty containers in the US.

Maersk added that it is working with the FMC, the Agriculture Transportation Coalition (AgTC) and trucking associations like the Harbor Trucking Association (HTA) on the US West Coast, and the Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers on the US East Coast "to find new and better ways to serve their needs."

"As the global integrator of container logistics, we are confident we can find workable solutions that will alleviate supply chain pain points," said Soren Skou, CEO of Maersk.

Maersk said it has met virtually with AgTC, and Maersk's head of North America Trade, Franck DeDenis, made a broadcast presentation to the agricultural trade group's members during their virtual midyear meeting on December 8.

Additionally, FMC chairman Michael Khouri has discussed the particular challenges facing the US export community with Skou, and Maersk said it "remains committed to taking actions it can to improve conditions for all supply chain participants."

"We are working closely with the

Agriculture Transportation Coalition and local trucking associations to address their concerns of equipment availability and detention and demurrage issues—with more intensive meetings planned in the months ahead," Maersk said.

Surging import cargoes have also been causing challenges for local truckers in major ports such as Los Angeles/Long Beach. On this, Maersk is in daily contact with Weston LaBar, the president of the Long Beach, California-based HTA.

APM Terminals Pier 400 Los Angeles is the largest privately operated container terminal in the Los Angeles/Long Beach port and in North America. As such, it plays a pivotal role in the daily flow of cargo with the trucking community.

Working with Labar, the terminal is focused on dual transactions, which enable a trucker to return an empty container and pick up an import container for local delivery in the same trip, said Maersk.

About 65% of Pier 400's gate transactions are dual transactions—and the goal is to increase this, enabling higher productivity trips for harbor truckers. Pier 400 has also offered late night, Friday gates and Saturday gates based on customer and trucker needs during the peak season, Maersk added.

## ONE inks long-term charter for six of world's largest box ships

- **15-year charter of six new ultra large container ships eyed**
- **Mega ships to have capacity greater than 24,000 TEUs each, the world's largest class ever**
- **Box ships for delivery in 2023-2024**

CONTAINER shipping joint venture Ocean Network Express (ONE) announced it intends to charter six new mega ships with capacity greater than 24,000 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) each,

the world's largest class ever.

ONE has signed a letter of intent with Shoei Kisen Kaisha for the 15-year long-term charter of the six ultra large container ships (ULCSs), according to a recent release.

ONE is a joint venture between Japanese ship owners NYK, MOL, and "K" Line, and is a member of THE Alliance.

The new buildings are to be built by the consortium of Imabari Shipbuilding Co. and Japan Marine United Corp and are expected to be delivered in 2023-2024.

"This new class of ships will join our

core fleet and forms part of our ongoing strategy to introduce large, modern, and fuel-efficient vessels to further strengthen our fleet competitiveness," ONE said.

Currently, the world's largest ULCSs have a maximum capacity of slightly below 24,000 TEUs.

The six new ULCSs "will help bring economies of scale and significantly lower carbon emissions through a state-of-the-art hull design that aims to maximize cargo intake and minimize fuel consumption," said ONE. The vessels will be equipped

with exhaust gas cleaning systems to meet the emissions regulations of the International Maritime Organization.

The trend in ordering ULCSs has continued following the recent signing by Hapag-Lloyd of an order for six new 23,500-TEU vessels from Daewoo Shipbuilding.

Mega box ships are increasingly in demand under environmental regulations requiring lower sulfur-oxide emissions. They also provide greater economies of scale as container ship rates have become increasingly volatile.

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