# **Advancement in Cold Chain Logistics**

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Evolution

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Summary - Key Considerations for Cold Chain





1. Cold chain logistics started with moving the perishables like fish using ice .

**Evolution** 

- 2. In 1930, Frederick Jones designed and patented a portable air-cooling unit for trucks carrying perishable food. By the late 1930s, refrigerated rail cars and trucks were carrying medical supplies, perishable foods for long distance.
- 3. Ice Block Expedition of 1959 where the insulation material producer Glassvatt decided to equip a truck to bring a three-ton block of ice from Mo i Rana by the Arctic Circle, to Libreville by the Equator.
- 4. Present times ISO 6346 certified reefer containers being used for intermodal freight transport





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# **Quality Standards for the Elements of Cold Chain**

#### □ Warehouse Storage

- WHO Technical Report series 908 Annex 9;
- WHO Technical Report series 961 Supplement 2

#### Road Transport

 ISO 23412:2020 Indirect, temperature-controlled refrigerated delivery services Land transport of parcels with intermediate transfer

□ Air Transport

- IATA Guidance for Vaccine and Pharmaceutical Logistics & Distribution
- IATA Temperature Control Regulations

#### Sea Transport

- ISO 6346 is an international standard covering the coding, identification and marking of intermodal (shipping) containers used within containerized intermodal freight transport.
- European Union Good Distribution Practices
- □ World Health Organization Annex 5
- □ US Pharmacopeia Chapter 1079, 1083
- □ Standards for Freezers
  - New European Medical Device Regulation (EU) 2017/745 and Medical Device Directive 93/42/EEC or
  - Certified as per medical devices Class I acc. to FDA regulation 21 CFR part 862.2050

## **Template for the End-to-End Cold Chain for Pharma**

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#### Reefer Truck

#### Imagine the complexity if the entire chain is to be setup to maintain a temperature of -20°C

### **Cold Chain Public Infrastructure in India for Vaccine Distribution**

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Reference - in-depth analysis of cold chain, vaccine supply and logistics management for routine immunization in three Indian states: an INCLEN program evaluation network study - INCLEN trust & MOH Report

# **Elements for setting up a Cold Chain Network**

- 1. Storage Cold Storage facilities such as temperature-controlled warehouses
- 2. Packaging Provision to ensure safety of the product during transit
- 3. Transport Temperature controlled transport
- 4. Monitoring Monitoring the temperature of the product throughout the supply chain using tools like data loggers
- 5. Quality Systems The process of quality control to manage quality failures

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# Warehousing Facility Setup for Cold Chain

#### State of the Art Warehouse

- High rise racks for pallet storage
- Operating temperature range in line with product requirement
- Separation ante-rooms with temperature control for material entry & exit

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#### Process Flow for Storage & Dispatch of Vaccine from Warehouse

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Receiving Goods

Inspection &

Unpacking

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Storage in Crates

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Storage in High Rise Racks

Picking &

Packing

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Staging Area for Dispatch

- Trained Manpower
- 24X7 temp monitoring with alarm system
- WHO GDP Certifications
- Detailed activity logs maintained

# **Cold Chain Packaging**

#### Freezers for Gel Pack Conditioning

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Insulated Box

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Insulated Box Components

- Insulation Layer
- Payload box
- Gel packs

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Walk in Freezer Chambers

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Plate Freezers

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**Chest Freezers** 

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**Blast Freezers** 

# **Cold Chain Transport – Long-haul**

#### 32ft Trucks for Long Haulage

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Small Reefer Vehicles for last mile

<u>deliveries</u>

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#### **Controls:**

- Temperature Tracking using data loggers for live temperature dashboards & reports
- Cold Storage System failure Alerts
- Location Tracking by GPS
- Quality Agreement in place with Service Providers

## **Last Mile Distribution for Vaccines**

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# **Outreach Programs for Vaccines Managed from Hospitals**

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# **System for Cold Chain Monitoring**

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# **Quality System for Cold Chain**

- Detailed SOP to be prepared for the activities
- Ensure training of the personnel and review effectiveness of training
- Validation of the different components Boxes, freezers, storage
- Lane assessment with transit temperature study
- Risk assessment to be performed and mitigation measures to be identified
- Temperature monitoring to be setup and validated
- Alarm system for reporting of excursions
- Documentation for the dispatch execution to be ensured
- Review of the documentation and monitoring dashboard

# **Summary - Key Considerations of a Cold Chain**

- 1. Design a warehousing and distribution network with minimum touch points
- 2. Temperature controlled warehouses for primary warehousing
- 3. Insulated cold chain boxes validated for 72 hrs to 96 hrs of transit
- 4. Active transportation solutions such as Refrigerated Vans
- 5. Temperature controlled solutions conducive for air freight
- 6. Medical grade freezers for storage of vaccines at primary health centres & clinics
- 7. Continuous temperature monitoring solutions for storage and transit
- 8. Geofencing and in-transit tracking of shipment
- 9. Standard Operating procedures and training of all personnel at all nodes
- 10. Digital platform for end to end visibility

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