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“Whilst the disruption caused by the pandemic continues, it is vital that logistics companies continue to focus on enabling end-to-end visibility, remain flexible in terms of processes, and collaborate with other industries to support their customers whilst anticipating further disruptions and mitigating the extent of these impacts upon supply chains.”

– Lewis Cone, Senior B2B Analyst

This report looks at the following areas:

- **Global roll-out of COVID-19 vaccines will be one of the most difficult logistical challenges of all time**
- **With no EU trade agreement yet in place, the end of the Brexit transition period will bring ‘bedding-in’ hurdles for the industry to contend with**

Nearly two-thirds of global supply chain managers said they will be seeking new or alternative suppliers to rebuild their supply chains in the wake of the COVID-19 disruption, a recent survey by the CIPS found.

Moreover, nearly a third of respondents said they will re-shore their operations to limit further international disruption and find new suppliers.

Despite the struggles in 2019 and 2020 to date, MBD believes that the UK logistical services market is currently worth some £82.9 billion – a rise on 2019.

Logistical services industry leaders have also warned that any momentum in the market could be lost without a smooth exit from the UK’s transition period with the EU at the end of the year.

In November 2020, news broke about the first potential effective COVID-19 vaccines, which were found and developed by Pfizer and BioNTech, and Moderna.

DHL says that to provide global coverage of COVID-19 vaccines, up to some 200,000 pallet shipments and approximately 15 million deliveries in cooling boxes, as well as some 15,000 flights, will be required across the various supply chain set-ups.

In a survey conducted by pharma.aero (the cross-industry collaboration for Pharma Shippers, CEIV certified cargo communities, airport operators and other air cargo industry stakeholders) and The International Air Cargo Association, only 15% of respondents said they could handle vaccines that require -80C storage, while fewer than half of those who said they could handle minus-zero said they could do so in all their locations.

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Road Haulage Association (RHA)

Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT)

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