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Digitalisation and Logistics Resilience : Lessons Learned

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COVID 19 has exposed the vital importance of logistics





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Express delivery: **Resilient**

Operations continued world-wide

But supply chains were disrupted by

- *Land border & airport closures*
- *Crew and driver curfews, quarantines, travel bans*
- *Inland surface transport restrictions & curfews (incl. public transport)*
- *Paper-based processes at borders
(no 'work from home')*

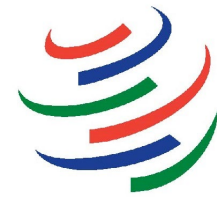
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TFA implementation matters



- Better border processes (aligned with TFA) : More resilience
- Traditional or 'Hybrid' border processes (partly digital, partly paper) : Less resilience
- Pandemic provided proof of concept
- Instances of full TFA implementation (incl. single window) for vaccines

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**Accelerate TFA
implementation**

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More resilience



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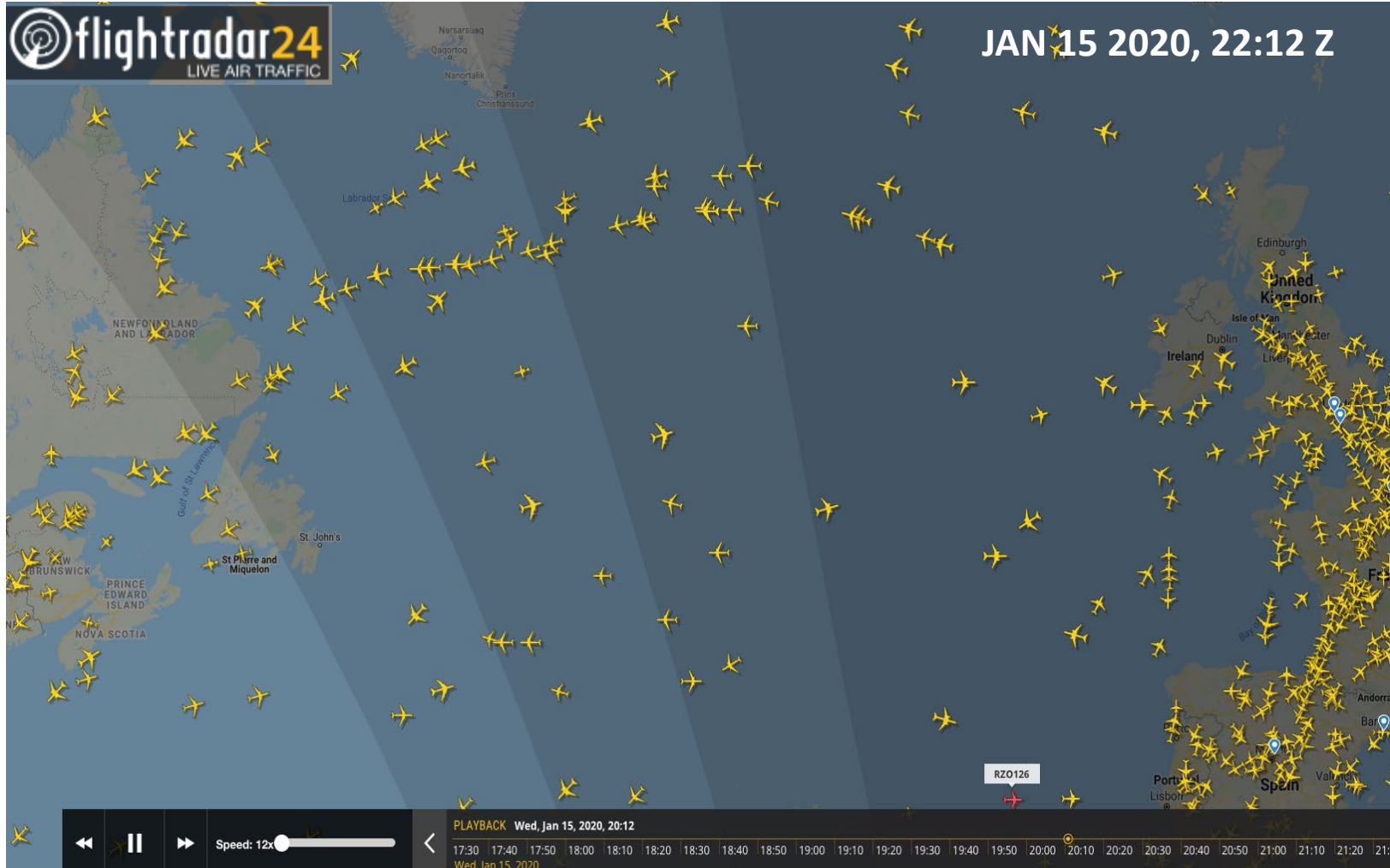
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Digital borders require cross-border data flows (telecommunications & IT services)





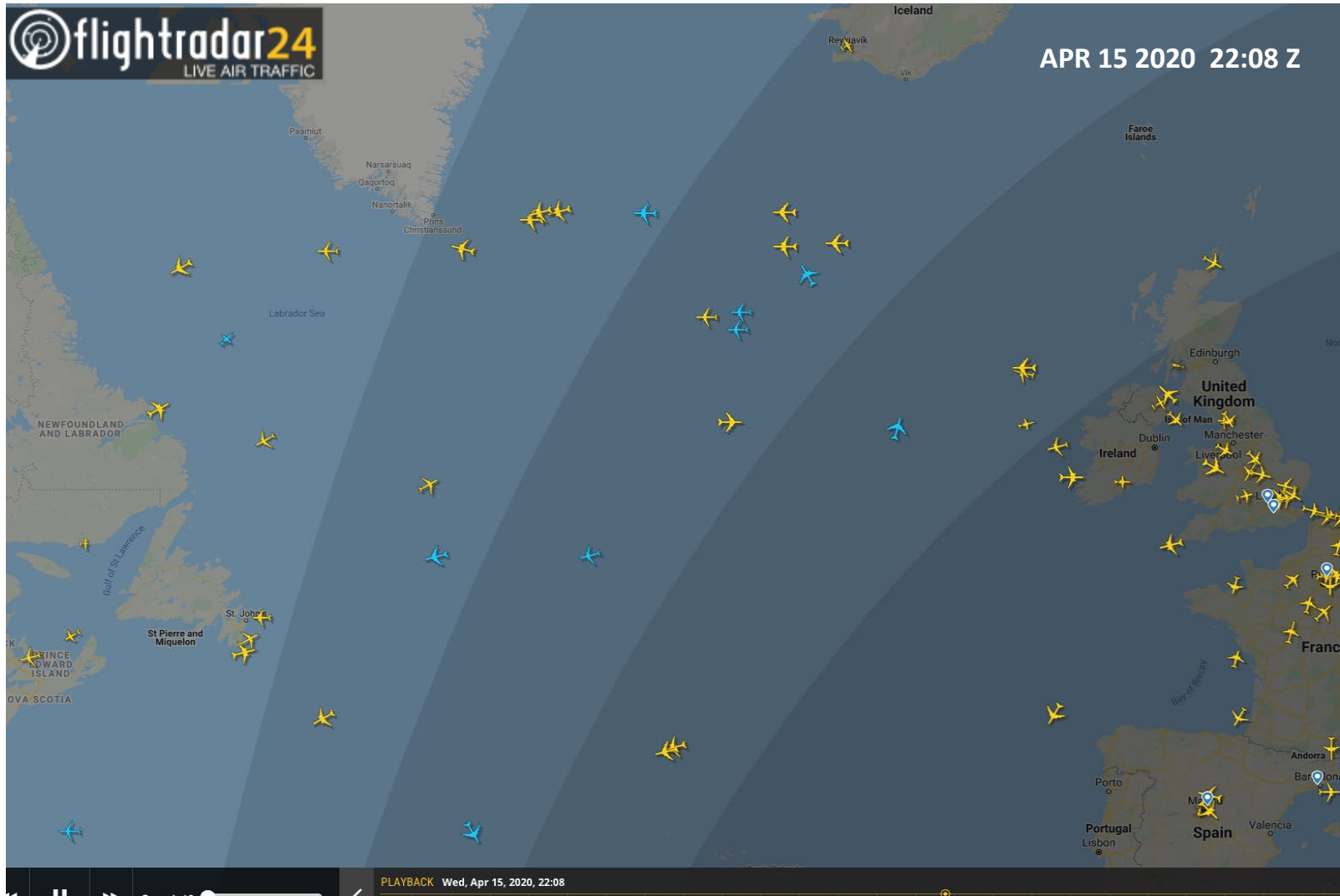
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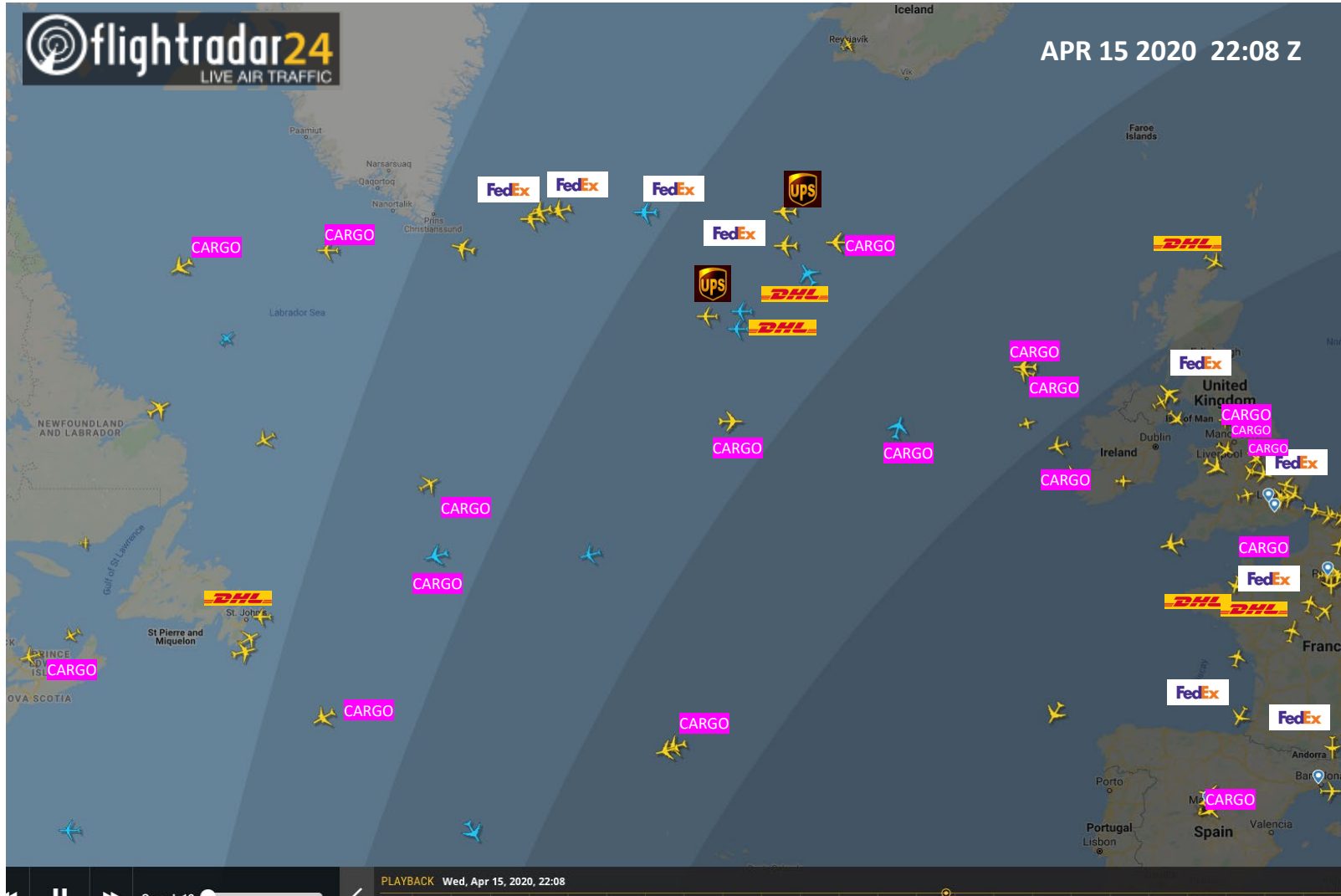
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All-cargo services are different from passenger services
and require a different economic regime



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Domestic Regulation



- Transparent and open licensing regimes (where necessary)
- Independent regulator



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- Accelerate TFA implementation
- Open up market access for services
- Adopt Domestic Regulation plurilateral



- Liberalise all-cargo air services

Thank you

Q&A

