

Disruption and Transformation of Medical Supply Chains in the COVID-19 Era

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Kevin K. McAleenan
Former Acting Secretary
U.S. Homeland Security

Mr. Kevin K. McAleenan served as the Acting Secretary of Homeland Security from April 8, 2019 to November 11, 2019. As head of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Acting Secretary McAleenan was responsible for counterterrorism; cybersecurity; border, port, aviation and maritime security; enforcement and administration of immigration laws; response to national disasters; detection and prevention of nuclear, chemical and biological threats; and the protection of critical infrastructure and the nation's leadership. Acting Secretary McAleenan managed 240,000 employees in 22 different components and agencies, including U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the

Transportation Security Administration, the Coast Guard, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Citizenship and Immigration Services, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Secret Service.

Before this appointment, he served as Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), having been confirmed by the U.S. Senate in March 2018. Previously, he had served as CBP Acting Commissioner since January 2017.

Under McAleenan's leadership, CBP developed strategies that protect the nation's borders from terrorism and transnational criminal networks. During his tenure, CBP implemented innovations that have facilitated the U.S. international arrival and departure process, saving the government and travel industry millions of dollars. Additionally, under his leadership CBP developed a trade transformation agenda, designed to help America compete in the global economy.

From 2006 to 2008, McAleenan served as the Area Port Director of Los Angeles International Airport, directing CBP's border security operations at the Los Angeles airport and 17 other airport facilities in one of CBP's largest field commands. In December 2011, he was named acting Assistant Commissioner of CBP's Office of Field Operations. In this position, McAleenan led agency operations to secure the U.S. border while expediting lawful trade and travel at 329 ports of entry in the United States and 70 international locations in more than 40 countries.

McAleenan received a 2015 Presidential Rank Award—the nation's highest civil service award. In 2005, he received the Service to America Medal, Call to Service Award, for spearheading efforts to develop and implement a comprehensive antiterrorism strategy in the border security context after Sept. 11, 2001.

McAleenan is serving as a Distinguished Guest Lecturer for the Combatting Terrorism Center's (CTC) course on Homeland Security and Defense during the Spring 2020 semester at the United States Military Academy. Mr. McAleenan is providing multiple guest lectures and assisting the Combatting Terrorism Center in shaping the course syllabus and lesson plans.

Before his government service, he practiced law in California. He received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Chicago Law School and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Amherst College.



Martin Olmedo

Head of Supply Chain for Latin America
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Martín Olmedo is Head of Supply Chain for Roche in Latin America, position he assumed in 2019. He is responsible for supervising operations, service level, demand & supply management, inventory, warehousing intercompany operations and channel management.

Martín joined Roche in 1999, holding several positions in the Materials Management and Logistics department in Montevideo, Uruguay, where he is based. In 2006, he was selected to lead the regional roll-out of the Supply Chain Transformation Program, a project that the implementation of new roles, systems & processes throughout the region. In 2010, he moved to Roche headquarters in Basel, as a Head of Logistics & Direct Markets Management for Europe, where he stayed for 4 years.

Currently Martin's focus is the design of supply chain solutions that are customer & patient centric to ensure we have people, processes and systems that are fit to deliver value sustainably in an environment that is rapidly evolving.