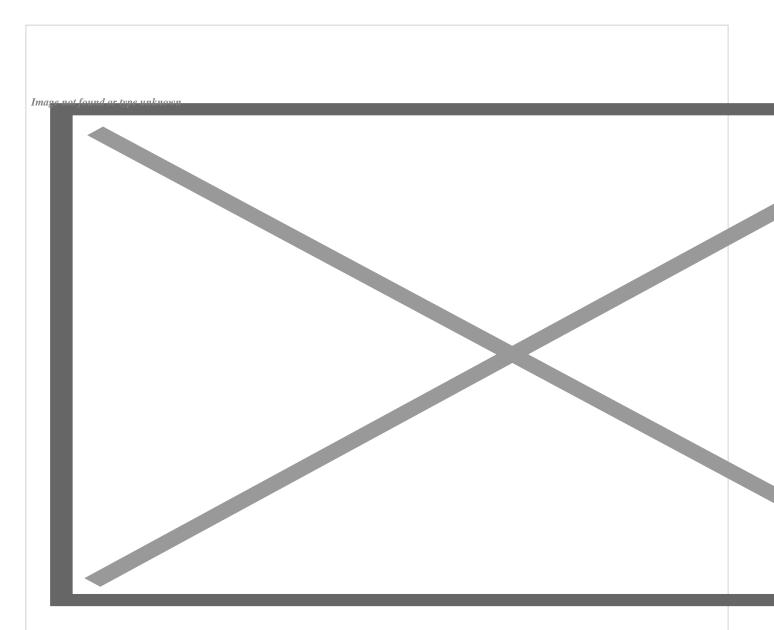
## COVAX cuts 2021 vaccine forecast; Australia joins call for waiver on vaccine patents



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Meanwhile, vaccine equity activists are cheering moves by Australia's government to support a suspension of intellectual property rights for COVID vaccines. Australia's trade minister said this week the government now supports calls for a temporary waiver of vaccine patent rights at the World Trade Organization.

Such a move would require consensus at the WTO, where Germany and the United Kingdom are blocking the move to allow generic versions of vaccines produced by companies including Pfizer and Moderna.

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