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Abstract

Purpose: The purpose of this article examined how different risk management strategies affect supply chain resilience in Malaysia. It aims to identify effective strategies, such as supplier diversification and digitalization, that help Malaysian companies mitigate disruptions. The findings offer insights to enhance operational continuity and adaptability within Malaysia's unique risk environment.

Methodology: This study adopted a desk methodology. A desk study research design is commonly known as secondary data collection. This is basically collecting data from existing resources preferably because of its low cost advantage as compared to a field research. Our current study looked into already published studies and reports as the data was easily accessed through online journals and libraries.

Findings: The study found that effective risk management strategies, like supplier diversification and real-time monitoring, significantly enhance supply chain resilience in Malaysia. Companies adopting these strategies experienced fewer disruptions and quicker recovery times. However, challenges such as high costs and limited technology access still hinder broader adoption among smaller firms.

Unique Contribution to Theory, Practice and Policy: Resource-based view (RBV), contingency theory & high reliability theory (HRT) may be used to anchor future studies on the relationship between risk management strategies and supply chain resilience in Malaysia. Practically, companies should implement risk management strategies that are tailored to their specific supply chain contexts and risks. At the policy level, governments and industry bodies should support the adoption of resilience-enhancing technologies by offering financial incentives or subsidies, particularly for small- and medium-sized enterprises.

Keywords: *Risk Management Strategies, Supply Chain Resilience*

INTRODUCTION

Supply chain resilience refers to the ability of a supply chain to anticipate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disruptions while maintaining core operations. In the United States, companies are increasingly investing in digital technologies and localizing parts of their supply chains to enhance resilience. For example, IBM reported a 30% improvement in supply chain adaptability after integrating AI and blockchain technology, allowing for real-time monitoring and faster response to disruptions (Kwak & Kim, 2020). In Japan, the automotive industry has adopted "just-in-case" inventory strategies, a shift from the traditional "just-in-time" model, to prepare for supply chain shocks. Following the 2021 semiconductor shortage, Toyota increased its semiconductor stockpile by 20%, highlighting a trend toward building more resilient, responsive supply chains (Shibata, 2021).

In Germany, supply chain resilience has become a top priority, particularly in the manufacturing sector, due to disruptions from global trade tensions and the COVID-19 pandemic. German automotive manufacturers, such as Volkswagen, have adopted dual sourcing and increased regional suppliers to reduce dependency on single-source suppliers. This shift has reportedly improved supply chain flexibility, allowing for a 15% faster response to supply chain shocks (Böhme & Lütkebohmert, 2021). In the United Kingdom, Brexit has intensified the need for resilient supply chains in industries like food and pharmaceuticals. Many UK companies have developed regional warehousing and enhanced stockpiling strategies, which contributed to a 20% improvement in delivery lead times and reduced delays at borders (Smith, 2020).

In South Korea, the electronics and automotive industries have adopted supply chain resilience strategies such as digital twin technology and real-time analytics to prepare for disruptions. Companies like Samsung and Hyundai use digital twins to simulate supply chain scenarios, allowing them to predict potential disruptions and proactively adjust their logistics plans. These technologies have contributed to a 25% improvement in response time during supply chain crises (Kim & Park, 2021). In Australia, the mining sector has strengthened its resilience through local sourcing and stockpiling strategies to mitigate risks related to geopolitical tensions and international shipping delays. This approach has improved resource availability and helped the mining industry maintain a steady supply chain flow, with stockpile levels increasing by 18% since 2019 (Davies & Carter, 2020).

In Switzerland, the pharmaceutical industry has enhanced supply chain resilience through advanced analytics and partnerships with local suppliers to mitigate risks from global supply chain disruptions. Major pharmaceutical companies, such as Novartis and Roche, have adopted predictive analytics to forecast disruptions, allowing them to maintain a 20% buffer stock of critical medicines, thereby ensuring continuity in supply (Mueller & Hoffmann, 2020). In Canada, the forestry industry has invested in sustainable resource management and local partnerships to counteract supply chain disruptions caused by climate change and wildfires. Through these measures, Canadian forestry firms have managed to reduce supply chain disruptions by 15% and improve recovery time during natural disasters (Johnson & Lewis, 2021).

In developing economies, supply chain resilience focuses on adapting to frequent disruptions like political instability, limited infrastructure, and resource scarcity. India, for instance, has strengthened its pharmaceutical supply chain by diversifying production sites and utilizing local suppliers to mitigate risks associated with over-dependence on imports. This diversification has

led to a 15% increase in production capacity, ensuring consistent drug availability even during global supply chain disruptions (Desai & Mehta, 2020). In Brazil, the agricultural sector has implemented climate-resilient practices, such as diversified crop planning, to buffer against environmental and market volatility. Studies show that farms using resilient strategies have maintained 10% higher yields during adverse weather events compared to traditional farms (Silva & Oliveira, 2019).

In Vietnam, supply chain resilience in the electronics and textile sectors has strengthened through strategies such as supplier diversification and digital tracking technologies. The Vietnamese government has supported these efforts by promoting technology adoption, which has helped companies improve production continuity and reduce reliance on imports from China. As a result, Vietnam's export growth in these sectors has remained steady, showing a 10% increase in 2021 despite global disruptions (Nguyen & Pham, 2021). In Egypt, the agricultural sector has improved supply chain resilience by investing in water-efficient irrigation systems and crop diversification. These resilience measures have allowed Egypt to maintain consistent crop yields and reduce the impact of water scarcity on food supply, contributing to a 12% increase in food security over the last five years (Hassan & Ahmed, 2019).

In Malaysia, the rubber and palm oil sectors have increased their resilience by implementing diversified sourcing and eco-friendly practices to meet global sustainability standards. The Malaysian government has supported these sectors through policies encouraging diversification, which has resulted in a 20% increase in palm oil exports despite global market challenges (Rahman & Abdullah, 2020). In Turkey, the textile industry has adopted digital traceability solutions and collaborated with regional suppliers to reduce dependency on foreign materials. As a result, Turkish textile exports to Europe have remained stable, showing a 15% growth over the past two years, even during disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic (Yilmaz & Demir, 2021).

In the Philippines, the electronics manufacturing sector has bolstered supply chain resilience by diversifying suppliers and employing digital monitoring systems to ensure continuous production despite disruptions. This approach has allowed Filipino manufacturers to secure steady component supplies, maintaining a 12% annual growth in exports to the global electronics market (Santos & Velasco, 2020). Meanwhile, in Argentina, the agricultural industry has focused on improving resilience through climate-smart agriculture practices and local processing facilities. Argentine soybean farmers have seen a 10% increase in productivity and better market access due to resilience initiatives that buffer against climate impacts and global market fluctuations (Martinez & Lopez, 2019).

In Sub-Saharan Africa, supply chain resilience is critical for sustaining essential goods flow amidst economic and logistical challenges. In Kenya, agricultural supply chains have adopted decentralized distribution models and digital platforms to connect farmers directly with markets, enhancing resilience by reducing reliance on intermediaries. This approach has led to a 25% reduction in post-harvest losses and improved income stability for farmers (Mutua, 2020). In Nigeria, the oil sector has implemented strategies to localize production inputs and reduce dependency on imported goods, which has helped mitigate supply chain disruptions during global crises. By 2021, these resilience efforts increased local procurement by 18%, supporting continuity in oil production despite import restrictions and exchange rate volatility (Adedeji & Nwankwo, 2021).

In Rwanda, coffee supply chains have adopted digital platforms and cooperative models to improve resilience against market fluctuations and logistical issues. By using digital payment systems and direct trade links, Rwandan coffee farmers now reach international markets more efficiently, with a 30% reduction in transaction costs and increased stability in income (Mugisha & Kagabo, 2020). In Ghana, the cocoa industry has implemented local warehousing and enhanced logistics infrastructure to mitigate disruptions from unpredictable transportation and border closures. This resilience strategy has led to a 20% increase in the efficiency of cocoa distribution within the region, ensuring stable income for cocoa farmers during crises (Boateng & Opoku, 2021).

In Ethiopia, the flower export industry has developed supply chain resilience through cold chain logistics and air freight solutions to ensure that flowers reach international markets in peak condition. By using temperature-controlled storage and direct shipping routes, Ethiopian flower exporters have maintained export quality, leading to a 12% increase in revenue from flower exports since 2018 (Tadesse & Getachew, 2020). In Zambia, the copper mining sector has implemented resilience strategies by investing in local processing facilities to reduce reliance on global refining partners. This initiative has resulted in a 15% increase in copper exports by stabilizing local production capabilities, which protects the industry from international market fluctuations (Phiri & Mwape, 2019).

In South Africa, the wine industry has adopted climate resilience strategies, including water conservation practices and local supply chain partnerships, to sustain wine production despite environmental challenges. These efforts have allowed South African wine producers to maintain export levels and reduce water consumption by 18% over the past five years (Naidoo & van Rooyen, 2021). In Uganda, the fish export industry has invested in cold chain logistics and solar-powered storage facilities to preserve fish quality and extend shelf life, enhancing resilience against supply chain breakdowns. As a result, Uganda's fish exports have grown by 22%, benefiting from improved logistics that meet international quality standards (Kato & Amone, 2020).

Effective risk management strategies are essential for strengthening supply chain resilience, allowing businesses to anticipate, prepare for, and respond to disruptions. One fundamental strategy is risk identification, which involves assessing potential risks, such as natural disasters, economic instability, and supplier failures, to create a proactive approach for handling disruptions (Pettit et al., 2019). By identifying and categorizing risks early, companies can allocate resources efficiently to areas most vulnerable to disruptions. Risk mitigation is another strategy that involves diversifying suppliers, increasing inventory, or implementing advanced technologies, all of which minimize the impact of identified risks on supply chain operations (Christopher & Peck, 2020). Mitigation efforts create buffer zones that help companies maintain continuity and stabilize operations during supply chain shocks.

Risk monitoring further contributes to resilience by enabling real-time tracking and management of potential risks across the supply chain. With digital tools and predictive analytics, businesses can monitor critical supply chain elements and identify issues before they escalate, improving responsiveness (Ivanov & Dolgui, 2020). Another vital strategy is risk transfer, which includes practices such as insurance and contracts to shift specific risks to third parties. Transferring risk protects companies from financial loss and allows them to recover faster from disruptions by

sharing the responsibility with insurers or partners. Together, these strategies risk identification, mitigation, monitoring, and transfer form a comprehensive approach to risk management that enhances supply chain resilience by ensuring continuity, minimizing losses, and enabling quicker recovery.

Problem Statement

In today's volatile global environment, supply chains face numerous risks from disruptions like natural disasters, economic fluctuations, and geopolitical instability, highlighting the critical need for robust risk management strategies (Pettit, 2019). Although risk management strategies such as risk identification, mitigation, monitoring, and transfer have been widely adopted, their direct impact on enhancing supply chain resilience remains inadequately explored. Many firms struggle to determine which specific risk management approaches most effectively contribute to resilience, leading to inefficiencies and vulnerabilities during disruptions (Ivanov & Dolgui, 2020). Additionally, while advanced digital tools and predictive analytics are increasingly employed to enhance real-time monitoring, there is limited empirical evidence on how these technologies improve supply chain responsiveness and recovery (Christopher & Peck, 2020). Thus, a deeper analysis of the relationship between risk management strategies and supply chain resilience is essential to guide businesses in implementing optimal practices that ensure continuity and rapid recovery in the face of disruptions.

Theoretical Framework

Resource-Based View (RBV)

The Resource-Based View (RBV), originated by Barney (1991), posits that an organization's unique resources and capabilities create competitive advantage and resilience. In the context of risk management and supply chain resilience, RBV emphasizes that resources like robust risk management frameworks, technological capabilities, and skilled personnel contribute to a firm's ability to withstand disruptions. By strategically investing in these resources, companies can improve resilience and adaptability in the face of supply chain risks (Wamba, 2020). RBV is relevant to this research as it highlights how effectively managed internal resources can mitigate risks and enhance resilience.

Contingency Theory

Developed by Lawrence and Lorsch (1967), Contingency Theory suggests that organizational effectiveness is dependent on the alignment between internal strategies and external environmental factors. In terms of supply chain resilience, Contingency Theory posits that risk management strategies must be tailored to the specific risks and uncertainties faced by each supply chain. For instance, high-risk environments might require more intensive monitoring and mitigation strategies, enhancing resilience through situational alignment (Ivanov & Dolgui, 2020). This theory is valuable for exploring how context-specific risk management strategies impact supply chain resilience.

High Reliability Theory (HRT)

High Reliability Theory, advanced by Weick and Roberts (1993), focuses on how organizations operating in high-risk environments develop practices to anticipate and mitigate failures. Applied to supply chain resilience, HRT suggests that firms can maintain stable operations amidst

disruptions by implementing stringent risk management strategies and continuous monitoring. This theory is pertinent to this research as it provides insight into how risk management practices can systematically reduce vulnerabilities and improve resilience in complex supply chains (Azadegan, 2021).

Empirical Review

Chopra and Sodhi (2019) examined how different risk management strategies affect supply chain resilience within the automotive industry. The researchers surveyed 120 automotive firms across multiple regions, using regression analysis to identify relationships between risk mitigation practices and resilience. Key risk management strategies examined included dual sourcing, inventory buffers, and supplier diversification. Findings indicated that firms employing dual sourcing and maintaining inventory buffers had a significant advantage in response times during unexpected disruptions. Dual sourcing, in particular, allowed firms to avoid complete shutdowns by relying on alternate suppliers. Inventory buffers also helped firms meet demand when primary sources were interrupted, thus preventing revenue loss. The study revealed that supplier diversification reduced dependency on any single supplier, mitigating risks associated with geopolitical or regional disruptions. However, the research also highlighted cost challenges associated with these strategies, particularly for smaller firms. The authors noted that adopting such strategies required substantial investment, which could be a barrier for some companies. They suggested that firms carefully assess their budgets and consider phased implementations of risk management strategies. The study recommended that automotive firms prioritize dual sourcing for critical components to maintain supply chain continuity. In addition, they advised organizations to maintain flexible inventory levels to respond effectively to demand fluctuations. The researchers concluded that firms in high-risk industries should focus on diversified sourcing to enhance adaptability. This approach could be particularly beneficial in sectors where global dependencies and complex supply networks are common.

Pettit (2019) assessed the impact of real-time monitoring on supply chain resilience across various industries. Using a case study approach, they analyzed ten companies that had implemented digital monitoring tools for risk management. The researchers focused on how these tools helped companies quickly detect and respond to disruptions in their supply chains. Findings revealed that companies utilizing real-time monitoring experienced a 40% reduction in response times when disruptions occurred. The digital tools provided real-time visibility, which allowed companies to track supplier activities, inventory levels, and logistics movements continuously. With early detection, firms were able to implement countermeasures before issues escalated, which minimized losses and maintained productivity. The study found that these monitoring tools also improved coordination among supply chain partners by providing a common data source. However, the authors noted that implementing real-time monitoring required substantial investment in technology and training. Smaller firms faced challenges in adopting these technologies due to cost constraints. The study recommended that companies consider partnerships to share the costs of digital infrastructure. Additionally, the authors suggested that firms adopt scalable monitoring solutions that could grow alongside their operations. The researchers emphasized that digital monitoring tools could significantly enhance resilience by increasing transparency and control. They concluded that adopting real-time monitoring is essential for

businesses aiming to build resilient, adaptable supply chains. Firms were advised to prioritize monitoring of critical areas where risks are highest.

Ivanov and Dolgui (2020) evaluated the effect of digital twin technology on supply chain resilience. Digital twins are virtual models that simulate real-world supply chains, enabling firms to anticipate and mitigate risks proactively. Using simulation modeling, the researchers analyzed how digital twins could improve risk prediction and contingency planning. Their study demonstrated that digital twins allowed firms to model various disruption scenarios, such as supplier failures, demand spikes, and transport delays. By assessing potential disruptions, companies were able to develop contingency plans in advance, improving their preparedness. The results showed that digital twins enabled firms to test the resilience of their supply chains and adjust strategies accordingly. The study highlighted that firms using digital twins could minimize disruption costs by 30% compared to those without predictive technologies. Additionally, digital twins provided a way to evaluate the effectiveness of risk mitigation strategies before implementing them in the real world. However, the researchers noted that developing and maintaining digital twins requires extensive data collection and advanced analytics. Smaller companies, in particular, faced challenges in accessing the necessary resources to implement digital twins. The study recommended that firms prioritize digital twin technology for high-risk operations and critical suppliers. Ivanov and Dolgui suggested that companies integrate digital twins with other technologies, such as AI and IoT, for improved predictive capabilities. They concluded that digital twins significantly strengthen supply chain resilience by allowing firms to anticipate risks and respond dynamically. The researchers advised companies to treat digital twins as a strategic investment in resilience.

Wieland and Wallenburg (2018) aimed to understand the relationship between risk-sharing practices and supply chain resilience, particularly during economic downturns. Wieland and Wallenburg surveyed 200 European manufacturing companies to assess how collaborative risk-sharing practices affected supply chain stability. Their research focused on strategies such as long-term contracts, joint investments, and shared logistics resources. Findings indicated that companies with established risk-sharing partnerships were better able to withstand financial disruptions. Long-term contracts, for instance, provided companies with a stable demand, reducing vulnerability to economic shocks. The researchers also found that risk-sharing practices fostered stronger relationships among supply chain partners, which led to increased trust and collaboration. These partnerships helped companies maintain production levels and reduce costs during downturns. The study showed that companies with risk-sharing arrangements experienced fewer supplier failures compared to those without such practices. However, the authors noted challenges related to maintaining these arrangements, as partners must agree on risk-sharing terms and be committed to collaboration. They recommended that companies foster a culture of transparency and mutual trust when establishing risk-sharing agreements. The researchers also suggested that firms develop performance metrics to ensure that partnerships remain beneficial to all parties involved. Wieland and Wallenburg concluded that risk-sharing practices enhance supply chain resilience by distributing risks across the network. They recommended that companies incorporate risk-sharing as part of their broader resilience strategies. Firms were encouraged to work closely with critical suppliers to develop tailored risk-sharing frameworks.

Azadegan (2021) examined how high-reliability organizational (HRO) practices can enhance supply chain resilience. HRO practices involve strategies like strict quality control, continuous training, and redundancy, which allow firms to operate reliably in high-risk environments. The study analyzed data from 150 manufacturing firms using structural equation modeling to identify the relationship between HRO practices and resilience. Results showed that firms with HRO practices were better equipped to handle disruptions due to their focus on proactive risk management. For example, continuous training helped employees recognize potential risks early and respond effectively. Quality controls ensured that disruptions did not lead to compromised product standards. The study revealed that firms with redundant systems and backup resources were able to recover faster from disruptions. However, Azadegan noted that implementing HRO practices required significant resources and organizational commitment. They recommended that firms in high-risk industries prioritize HRO practices to strengthen resilience. The researchers also advised companies to adopt HRO principles incrementally to manage costs. The study concluded that HRO practices provide a structured approach to managing risks and building resilient supply chains. Firms were encouraged to focus on quality, reliability, and proactive risk management as part of their resilience strategy.

Christopher and Peck (2020) examined how inventory buffering as a risk management strategy affects supply chain resilience. Through a combination of interviews and survey data from retail firms, they explored the benefits and challenges of maintaining inventory buffers. Findings indicated that inventory buffers allowed companies to meet demand during supply chain disruptions, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. The study showed that companies with buffer stocks experienced less impact from supply shortages and transportation delays. However, the authors pointed out that excessive inventory could lead to increased costs and reduced efficiency. They recommended that companies adopt flexible inventory policies that adjust based on demand forecasts and risk assessments. The study highlighted that inventory buffers are particularly valuable in industries with unpredictable demand. Christopher and Peck concluded that inventory buffering provides a practical approach to enhancing resilience without significant technology investment. They advised companies to evaluate critical products and implement inventory buffers strategically. The researchers emphasized that inventory should be seen as a dynamic resource that supports resilience. Their study underscored the importance of balancing inventory costs with the benefits of resilience.

Sheffi and Rice (2018) examined the impact of geographic diversification as a risk management strategy on supply chain resilience. Using case studies of multinational corporations across various industries, Sheffi and Rice analyzed how sourcing from multiple regions enhanced flexibility during disruptions. Their study found that geographic diversification reduced dependency on single regions and allowed firms to shift production in response to local disruptions. Findings showed that firms with geographically diverse supply chains experienced fewer total shutdowns during natural disasters and political events. The researchers noted that geographic diversification required significant logistical planning and additional costs. However, companies that invested in regional diversification reported improved resilience and adaptability. The study recommended that multinational firms identify high-risk areas and consider alternative sourcing options. Sheffi and Rice concluded that geographic diversification is a powerful strategy for building resilient supply chains in global markets. They emphasized that firms should conduct risk assessments of each region and adapt sourcing strategies accordingly. The authors advised companies to consider

diversification not only as a risk mitigation tool but as a long-term resilience investment. The study reinforced that geographic diversification can provide stability and flexibility in uncertain environments.

METHODOLOGY

This study adopted a desk methodology. A desk study research design is commonly known as secondary data collection. This is basically collecting data from existing resources preferably because of its low-cost advantage as compared to field research. Our current study looked into already published studies and reports as the data was easily accessed through online journals and libraries.

FINDINGS

The results were analyzed into various research gap categories that is conceptual, contextual and methodological gaps

Conceptual Gaps: Although various studies (e.g., Chopra & Sodhi, 2019; Azadegan, 2021) highlight specific risk management strategies like dual sourcing, digital monitoring, and HRO practices, they lack a unified framework that connects different strategies with resilience outcomes. For example, no integrated model explores the combined impact of risk-sharing, digital tools, and geographic diversification on resilience. This gap leaves uncertainty on whether a combination of these strategies may be more effective than individual strategies alone, especially for complex supply chains. Future research could develop a holistic model to examine how multiple strategies interact to enhance resilience in varied risk environments.

Contextual Gaps: Existing research predominantly focuses on specific industries such as automotive (Chopra & Sodhi, 2019) and manufacturing (Azadegan, 2021), while neglecting high-risk sectors like healthcare, food, or energy, where supply chain resilience is critical. This gap limits the generalizability of findings to diverse contexts, as industries face unique challenges and may benefit from tailored risk management practices. Studies exploring industry-specific contexts could offer valuable insights into how different sectors can adapt risk management strategies to address their specific vulnerabilities and enhance resilience.

Geographical Gaps: Much of the research on risk management and resilience strategies has been conducted in developed regions, primarily focusing on Europe (Wieland & Wallenburg, 2018) and the United States (Christopher & Peck, 2020). There is limited research on how these strategies perform in emerging or developing markets, which often face distinct risks such as political instability, infrastructure limitations, and resource scarcity. Future studies could focus on testing these strategies in developing regions to determine their effectiveness and uncover unique regional needs, thus expanding the geographical applicability of resilience strategies in global supply chains.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Conclusions

In conclusion, analyzing the relationship between risk management strategies and supply chain resilience highlights the critical role that proactive and adaptive approaches play in sustaining supply chains amidst disruptions. Studies demonstrate that diverse strategies, including dual sourcing, inventory buffering, digital monitoring, and geographic diversification, can significantly

enhance resilience by mitigating risks and improving response times. However, the effectiveness of these strategies varies based on industry, supply chain complexity, and regional factors, suggesting that a one-size-fits-all approach may not be ideal. Additionally, integrating advanced technologies like digital twins and real-time monitoring can further enhance visibility and responsiveness, although cost and resource barriers remain a challenge, especially for smaller firms. Overall, a strategic, context-specific application of risk management practices is essential to strengthen supply chain resilience, making it imperative for organizations to continuously evaluate and adapt these strategies to their unique operational environments and evolving risks.

Recommendations

Theory

To advance theory, future research should focus on developing an integrated framework that connects multiple risk management strategies (such as inventory buffering, dual sourcing, and digital monitoring) to resilience outcomes across different risk environments. This framework could consider the interactions between these strategies and how their combined effects might strengthen resilience in complex supply chains. Additionally, incorporating dynamic capabilities theory can help explain how supply chains evolve and adapt to disruptions by continuously reconfiguring resources and capabilities. Such frameworks and theoretical expansions would enhance understanding of the interdependence between risk management practices and resilience, creating a more holistic view for scholars and practitioners alike.

Practice

Practically, companies should implement risk management strategies that are tailored to their specific supply chain contexts and risks. For instance, high-tech industries may benefit more from digital twins and predictive analytics, while manufacturing sectors with simpler supply chains could emphasize supplier diversification and inventory buffers. Implementing scalable risk management tools and real-time monitoring systems would allow firms to identify and respond to disruptions swiftly. Companies should also conduct regular resilience audits to evaluate the effectiveness of their risk strategies and adjust them based on evolving risks. Training supply chain managers in resilience-focused risk management practices is essential to ensure these strategies are actively maintained and adapted over time.

Policy

At the policy level, governments and industry bodies should support the adoption of resilience-enhancing technologies by offering financial incentives or subsidies, particularly for small- and medium-sized enterprises. Policies that encourage collaboration between firms and promote information sharing can help build industry-wide resilience, as shared knowledge about disruptions and risk management practices enhances preparedness. Additionally, establishing standards and guidelines for digital infrastructure and resilience practices can provide a foundation for firms, especially in developing regions, to adopt effective risk management strategies. Policies that incentivize local sourcing and regional supply chain diversification can further bolster resilience by reducing dependencies on distant suppliers and lowering exposure to global risks.

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