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WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION (WTO)

COVID-19: Trade and trade-related measures

The WTO has set up a [dedicated webpage](#) to help governments, business, the media and the public track the latest information on trade-related responses to the COVID-19 outbreak. For measures posted after March 31, 2020, [see the WTO COVID-19 Trade and Trade-Related Measures section below](#). Please see our April 2020 Update for measures posted prior to 1 April 2020. .

China, the EU and other members notified the WTO of the multi-party provisional appeal arbitration arrangement

The Chinese Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) [announced](#) that on April 30, China, the EU and 17 other members formally submitted a notice to the WTO to jointly establish a multi-party temporary appeal arbitration arrangement to maintain the operation of the WTO dispute settlement mechanism during the suspension of the appeal body.

The multi-party provisional appeal arbitration arrangement stipulates that during the suspension of the appellate body, the participating parties will handle the disputed cases brought through the arbitration procedure stipulated in Article 25 of the WTO Understanding on Dispute Resolution Rules and Procedures. Participants determined the rules of appeal arbitration procedures based on the current WTO rules and practices on appeal procedures to ensure the consistency and predictability of the awards. This arrangement shows the confidence and support of all parties in the multilateral trading system and is conducive to maintaining the rules-based multilateral trading system.

Apart from China and the EU, participants in the multi-party provisional appeal arbitration arrangement include Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Hong Kong, China, Iceland, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Singapore, Switzerland, Ukraine and Uruguay. This arrangement is open to all WTO members, and other members are welcome to participate.

The multi-party temporary appeal arbitration arrangement is a temporary measure during the suspension of the appeal body, and the ultimate goal of each party is still to restore the normal operation of the appeal body. China will work with other WTO members to continue to resolve the issue of the suspension of the appellate body and jointly safeguard the rules-based multilateral trading system.

TBT Notifications

Member countries of the WTO are required under the *Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade* (TBT Agreement) to report to the WTO all proposed technical regulations that could affect trade with other Member countries. The WTO Secretariat distributes this information in the form of “notifications” to all Member countries. [See separate section on WTO TBT Notifications](#) for a table which summarizes notifications posted by the WTO during the past month.

WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION (WCO)

WCO list of temporary import and export measures related to COVID-19

The WCO has created a special [Web Page](#) dedicated to Coronavirus import and export measures where it will share advice, tools and best practices not only to Customs but also to the public. In addition, it has developed lists of national legislation of countries that adopted temporary import support (lowering or waiving of direct and indirect duties and taxes) and export restrictions on certain categories of critical medical supplies in response to COVID-19. The lists are not exhaustive and are regularly updated by the WCO based on the official information provided by countries. These lists may be found in the separate [section of this Update entitled **WCO Covid-19 Temporary Import-Export Measures**, below.](#)

WCO/WHO prepare revised classification references for Covid-19 supplies and medicines

The WCO [announced](#) that to respond to the unprecedented demand in medical supplies amid the current global COVID-19 pandemic around the world, and in order to help countries speed up the cross-border movement of these critical products, the WCO and the World Health Organization (WHO) joined hands to strengthen their cooperation by establishing a coordinated approach in their response to the pandemic. As a result of this joint effort of the two organizations, the [HS Classification Reference for COVID-19 Medical Supplies \(2.1 Ed.\)](#) was updated. The latest edition covers a greater range of medical equipment and supplies that are required as critical items by the WHO, such as oxygen concentrators and sample collection sets. In addition to [English](#), it is available in [Spanish](#), [Arabic](#) and [Russian](#). The updated list is provided as an indicative list with a view to facilitating the classification of COVID-19 medical supplies at the international level (6 digit of the HS). Economic operators are advised to consult with the relevant Customs administrations in relation to classification at domestic levels (7 or more digits) or in the event of any discrepancy between their practices and this list. This list is not legally binding.

In addition, the WCO-WHO have produced a [list of medicines](#) for COVID-19, which will serve to help customs and economic operators identify them and facilitate their classification at the border. The list contains medicines used in the general management of hospitalised patients and some medicines being used as part of the direct treatment against COVID-19 with their suggested HS codes. Where appropriate, medicines are identified by their International Nonproprietary Names (INN).

Announcements and news releases [dd-mm-yy]

Date	Title
06-04-20	WCO and WTO join forces to minimize disruptions to cross-border trade in goods
09-04-20	Joint WCO/WHO HS classification list for COVID-19 medical supplies issued
16-04-20	The Private Sector Consultative Group outlines solutions to humanitarian, government and business needs amidst the COVID-19 pandemic
17-04-20	Joint WCO-IMO statement on the integrity of the global supply chain during the COVID-19 pandemic
	Survey on the perception of Customs integrity conducted in 10 countries
21-04-20	WCO and UPU take action to facilitate the sharing of information on the global postal supply chain in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic

Date	Title
22-04-20	First results of a regional operation targeting illegal activities led by terrorist groups
23-04-20	WCO PITCH training Handbook now available in 4 languages (Handbook on Prevention of Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Heritage (PITCH))
24-04-20	COVID-19: WCO Secretariat shares guidance with Customs on efficient communication strategies during a crisis
27-04-20	COVID-19: WCO and ICC issue joint statement and call for increased action on Customs and trade facilitation
28-04-20	Malawi Revenue Authority joins the WCO A-CIP Programme

OTHER INTERNATIONAL MATTERS

CITES Notification to Parties

The *Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora* (CITES) has issued the following [notifications to the parties](#):

Date	Title
01-04-20	2020/030 - Information on identification materials
	2020/031 - Wildlife crime linked to the Internet
06-04-20	2020/032 - Status of funding for the implementation of valid Decisions after CoP18
21-04-20	2020/033 - Status of funding for the implementation of valid Decisions after CoP18
22-04-20	2020/034 - West African vultures (Accipitridae spp.)
	2020/035 - Implementation of Decisions 18.210 to 18.217 on Marine turtles (Cheloniidae spp. and Dermochelyidae spp.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annex 2: Status, scope and trends of the legal and illegal international trade in marine turtles, its conservation impacts, management options and mitigation priorities
23-04-20	2020/036 - Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes
	2020/037 - CITES security stamps
28-04-20	2020/038 - Tibetan antelope (<i>Pantholops hodgsonii</i>)
29-04-20	2020/039 - Asian big cats (Felidae spp.)
	2020/040 - Engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annex: Questionnaire on engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities
30-04-20	2020/041 - Identification of timber and other wood products

FAS GAIN Reports

Below is a partial list of Global Agriculture Information Network (GAIN) reports that were recently issued by the US Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS) in the *Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards* (FAIRS) and *Exporter Guide* series as well as other reports related to import or export requirements. These provide valuable information on regulatory standards, import requirements, export guides, and MRL (maximum residue limits). Information about, and access to, other GAIN reports may be found at the FAS [GAIN reports web-site](#).

Member	GAIN Report
Algeria	COVID-19 - Agriculture Situation
Argentina	Exporter Guide
Australia	Australian Government Provides Logistical Support to Exporters
Canada	FSIS Updates Export Library for Canada

Member	GAIN Report
Canada	CFIA Offers Leniency on Safe Food for Canadians Regulations Requirements
China	China Eliminates Quality Inspection Requirement for Cotton Imports
China	China Imposes Tighter Restrictions on Canadian Canola and Largest Exporters Remain Blocked
China	China Increases Export Tax Rebate Rates Again
Colombia	Food in the Time of Coronavirus - The Food and Agricultural Situation in Colombia
Czech Republic	COVID-19 - Czech Government Announced a Plan for Relaxing of Restrictive Measures
Czech Republic	COVID-19 - Czech Government Announced a Plan for Relaxing of Restrictive Measures
Egypt	Egypt's National Food Safety Authority Issues Risk Analysis for Food Regulations
El Salvador	El Salvador eliminates tariffs for certain food products and sets maximum sale prices due to COVID-19
France	FAIRS Export Certificate Report
India	COVID-19 in India - Trade Situation Update
India	Food Safety Standards Authority of India Issues Guidance for Food Business Operators During COVID-19
India	COVID-19 in India - Government of India Extends Lockdown But Exempts Additional Rural Activities
Japan	Final MAFF Guidelines for the Handling of Genome Edited Feed and Feed Additives
Japan	Japan Announces Dairy TRQs for JFY 2020
Japan	Cabinet Approves COVID-19 Supplementary Budget for MAFF
Japan	COVID-19 Impacts on Food Distribution in Japan
Japan	COVID-19 Impacts on Food Distribution in Japan - Update I
Japan	Japan Provides Food Labeling Flexibility in Response to COVID19
Japan	Food Additive Labeling Public Comment Period Announced
Japan	Japan Opens Public Comments Period to Approve DMDC as Wine Additive
Japan	Japan to Accept Official Copies of Export Certificates
Japan	Food Additive Labeling Public Comment Period Announced
Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan Implements COVID-Related Export Restrictions for Staples
Kenya	Exporter Guide
Kyrgyzstan	Draft Amendments to Phytosanitary Regulations Notified to WTO
Mexico	Implementation of the New Mexican Regulation for Front-of-Package Nutrition Label
Mongolia	Exporter Guide
Morocco	Morocco Extends Common Wheat Duty Exemption to June 15 2020
Morocco	Morocco Removes Import Duties on Durum and Pulses
Oman	Oman Waives Mandatory Arabic Labeling on Food Products
Poland	Preliminary Assessment of COVID 19 on Polish Food and Agriculture
Qatar	Qatar Exempts Food Products From Customs Duty For Six Months
Romania	Romania Suspends Grain and Oilseed Exports to Non-EU Markets
Romania	Preliminary Assessment of COVID 19 on Romanian Food and Agriculture
Romania	Romania Reverses Decision to Ban Grain Exports
Russia	Temporary EAEU Export Ban on Some Food Items
Russia	Russian Initiates Grain Export Quota and Intervention Purchases
Russia	Restricts Imports of Cucumbers and Tomatoes for State and Municipal Purposes
Russia	EAEU Allows Temporary Duty-Free Imports of Critical Foods
Spain	Agriculture and Food Situation COVID-19 Update
Sri Lanka	Restricts Import of Live Animals - Animal Products and Animal By-Products Due to COVID-19
Sri Lanka	COVID-19 and Food and Agriculture in Sri Lanka - Update on Impact of Lockdown March 20
Taiwan	Confident in Food Stocks as COVID-19 Disrupts International Trade
Thailand	Notified WTO on Its Proposed Ban on Paraquat and Chlorpyrifos
Thailand	Notified WTO on Its Proposed Ban on Paraquat and Chlorpyrifos

Member	GAIN Report
Thailand	Update on TFDA residue in foods implementation for Paraquat and Chlorpyrifos
Turkey	New Regulation Requires Registration for Exporters of Tree Nuts and Other Products to Turkey
Ukraine	Cap on Ukrainian Wheat Exports
South Africa	Wine Industry at a Crossroads Due to Export and Domestic Sales Restrictions
South Africa	Bans Poultry Imports from South Carolina
Sri Lanka	Increases Special Commodity Levy on Imported Fruits
China	Solicits Feedback In Preparation to Revise Organic Certification Measures
Sri Lanka	Temporary Suspension of Imports Due to COVID-19
Honduras	Exporter Guide

THE AMERICAS - NORTH AMERICA

CANADA

Contraventions Regulations amended to cover Quarantine Act

On April 14, 2020, the [Canada Gazette](#) published the *Regulations Amending the Contraventions Regulations (Quarantine Act)*. The Regulations came into force on April 11, 2020, the day on which they were registered.

In response to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, which began to have serious impacts in Canada in March 2020, the Government of Canada has made numerous emergency orders under the Quarantine Act. These orders restrict entry into Canada or subject persons entering Canada to certain conditions, notably requiring any person returning from travelling abroad to self-isolate for 14 days. The Quarantine Act and the emergency orders made under that Act are designed to slow and prevent the spread of COVID-19. It is therefore vitally important that those measures be strictly followed.

The ticketing procedure established under the *Contraventions Act* offers another option other than prosecution of that person using the procedure set out in the *Criminal Code* for addressing those who contravene the *Quarantine Act*. The ticketing regime established by the *Contraventions Act*, known as the Contraventions Regime, provides another option for enforcing certain federal offences of a regulatory nature as the offender can choose to plead guilty and pay a fine without having to appear in court. Making use of this regime for these offences saves valuable time for the courts and for the enforcement agency, which can be dedicated to the prosecution of the most serious instances of these offences. Accordingly, in order to allow for the enforcement of certain offences contained in the *Quarantine Act* through the ticketing procedure established under the *Contraventions Act*, the offences are designated as contraventions and included in the *Contraventions Regulations*.

Furthermore, the amendment to the *Contraventions Regulations* enables enforcement officers to issue tickets under the *Contraventions Act* to persons twelve years of age or more, but under eighteen years of age, in amounts not exceeding \$100.

Miscellaneous regulations and proposals

The following documents of interest to international traders were published in the [Canada Gazette](#). (The sponsoring ministry, department or agency is also shown. N=notice, PR=proposed regulation, R=regulation, O=Order)

Publication Date	Title
04-01-20	GLOBAL AFFAIRS: Order Amending the Export Control List (SOR/2020-48, March 16, 2020) (O)
	HEALTH: Regulations Amending the Schedule to the Quarantine Act (COVID-19 Coronavirus Disease) (SOR/2020-53, March 17, 2020) (R)
04-04-20	ROYAL ASSENT RECEIVED (ON 03-25-20): An Act respecting certain measures in response to COVID-19 (Bill C-13, chapter 5, 2020)
	PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY OF CANADA (PHAC): Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Canada Order (Mandatory Isolation) (O in Council)
	PHAC: Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Canada Order (Prohibition of Entry into Canada from any country other than the United States) (O in Council)
	PHAC: Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Canada Order (Prohibition of Entry into Canada from any Country other than the United States) (O in Council)
	PHAC: Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Canada Order (Prohibition of Entry into Canada from the United States) (O in Council)
	PHAC: Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Canada Order (Prohibition of Entry into Canada from the United States) (O in Council)
04-11-20	HEALTH: Interim Order Respecting Drugs, Medical Devices and Foods for a Special Dietary Purpose in Relation to COVID-19 (O)
	ORDER IN COUNCIL: Order Approving the Interim Order Respecting Drugs, Medical Devices and Foods for a Special Dietary Purpose in Relation to COVID-19 (O)
04-14-20	ORDER IN COUNCIL: Regulations Amending the Contraventions Regulations (Quarantine Act) (O)
04-24-20	Regulations Amending the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations (Emergencies Act and Quarantine Act) (SOR/2020-91, April 20, 2020) (R)
04-25-20	TRANSPORT: Interim Order Respecting Passenger Vessel Restrictions Due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) (O)
	CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION: Ministerial Instructions with respect to the processing of certain new and existing applications for temporary residence to further support Government-wide measures to limit the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus)
	PHAC: Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Canada Order (Mandatory Isolation), No. 2 (O in Council)
04-29-20	AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD: Regulations Amending the Canada Grain Regulations (SOR/2020-63, April 7, 2020) (R) [CUSMA related]
	PUBLIC SAFETY: Regulations Amending Certain Regulations Made Under the Customs Tariff (Miscellaneous Program) .(SOR/2020-64, April 7, 2020) (R) [CUSMA related]
	FINANCE / GLOBAL AFFAIRS: Regulations Amending Certain Regulations Made Under the Special Import Measures Act (Miscellaneous Program) (SOR/2020-65, April 7, 2020) (R) [CUSMA related]
	FINANCE: Regulations Amending the Canadian International Trade Tribunal Procurement Inquiry Regulations (Miscellaneous Program) (SOR/2020-66, April 7, 2020) (R) [CUSMA related]
	FINANCE: Regulations Amending the Canadian International Trade Tribunal Regulations (Miscellaneous Program) .(SOR/2020-67, April 7, 2020) (R) [CUSMA related]
	FINANCE: Regulations Amending the Administrative Monetary Penalties (OSFI) Regulations (Miscellaneous Program) (SOR/2020-68, April 7, 2020) (R) [CUSMA related]

Publication Date	Title
	GLOBAL AFFAIRS: Order Amending the Import Control List (SOR/2020-69, April 7, 2020) (O) [CUSMA related]
	GLOBAL AFFAIRS: Order Amending the Export Control List (SOR/2020-70, April 7, 2020) (O) [CUSMA related]
	GLOBAL AFFAIRS: Regulations Amending Certain Regulations Made Under the Export and Import Permits Act (SOR/2020-71, April 7, 2020) (R) [CUSMA related]
	GLOBAL AFFAIRS: Export Charges for Certain Dairy Products Regulations (SOR/2020-72, April 7, 2020) (R) [CUSMA related]
	HEALTH: Regulations Amending the Food and Drug Regulations (Finished Product Testing) (SOR/2020-73, April 7, 2020) (R) [CUSMA related]
	HEALTH: Regulations Amending the Food and Drug Regulations (Distribution of Drugs as Samples) (SOR/2020-74, April 7, 2020) (R) [CUSMA related]
	HEALTH: Regulations Amending the Natural Health Products Regulations (Distribution of Natural Health Products as Samples) (SOR/2020-75, April 7, 2020) (R) [CUSMA related]
	INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CANADIAN HERITAGE: Regulations Amending the Investment Canada Regulations (Miscellaneous Program) (SOR/2020-76, April 7, 2020) (R) [CUSMA related]
	CANADIAN HERITAGE: Direction to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission Respecting the Implementation of the Canada–United States–Mexico Agreement (SOR/2020-77, April 7, 2020) [CUSMA related]
	GLOBAL AFFAIRS: Order Amending Certain General Import Permits Issued under the Export and Import Permits Act (Nos. 1, 13 and 100) (SOR/2020-78, April 7, 2020) (O) [CUSMA related]
	GLOBAL AFFAIRS: Order Cancelling General Export Permit No. Ex. 31 — Peanut Butter (SOR/2020-79, April 7, 2020) (O) [CUSMA related]
	GLOBAL AFFAIRS: Order Repealing Certain Orders Made Under the Export and Import Permits Act (SOR/2020-80, April 7, 2020) (O) [CUSMA related]
	GLOBAL AFFAIRS: Order Amending the Export and Import Permits and Certificates Fees Order (SOR/2020-81, April 7, 2020) (O) [CUSMA related]
	INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Statement Amending the Statement Limiting the Right to Equitable Remuneration of Certain Rome Convention or WPPT Countries (SOR/2020-82, April 7, 2020) [CUSMA related]
	PUBLIC SAFETY: Regulations Amending the Marking of Imported Goods Regulations (Miscellaneous Program) (SOR/2020-83, April 7, 2020) (R) [CUSMA related]
	GLOBAL AFFAIRS: Order Fixing the Date of Entry into Force of the Agreement between Canada, the United States of America and the United Mexican States as the Day on Which the Canada–United States–Mexico Agreement Implementation Act Comes into Force (SI/2020-33, April 29, 2020) [CUSMA related]
	FINANCE: Order Amending the Courier Imports Remission Order (SI/2020-34, April 29, 2020) [CUSMA related]

CBSA advance rulings

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) has enhanced the Advance Ruling ([Tariff Classification](#) and [Origin](#)) and [National Customs Ruling](#) programs by publishing ruling letters in their entirety, with the applicant's consent, on the [CBSA Web site](#). No advance rulings were posted by the CBSA during the period covered by this Update.

D-Memoranda and CNs revised or cancelled

The following is a list of Canada Border Services Agency D-Memoranda, Customs Notices (CNs), Global Affairs Notices to Exporters and other publications issued, revised or cancelled during the past month.

(Dates are given in yyyy/mm/dd format.)

Date	Reference	Title
03-31-20	CN 20-12	COVID-19: Tariff Classification and Other Information to Import Medical Supplies
04-03-20	CN 20-13	Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA): Amendment to the Definition of "Specially Defined Mixtures" in the Canadian Customs Tariff, Chapter 16, Supplementary Note 1.
	CN 20-14	Implementation of the Canada – United States – Mexico Agreement (CUSMA)
04-04-20	CN 20-15	Increase to the Low Value Shipment (LVS) Threshold for Goods Imported into Canada
04-07-20	CN 20-08	(Revised) - Imported Goods for Emergency Use in Response to COVID-19
	Notice to Exporters No 992	Export of items listed on the Export Control List to Turkey
04-09-20	D3-1-5	(Revised) - International commercial transportation
04-27-20	D11-5-16	Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) Rules of Origin

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

[See separate *Antidumping Countervailing Duty and Safeguards Investigations, Orders & Reviews* section below.](#)

MEXICO

Diario Oficial

The following documents of interest to international traders were published in the [Diario Oficial de la Federacion](#): *Note: With regard to standards, only those which appear to apply to international trade are listed.* (An unofficial English translation is shown.)

Publication Date	Title
04-01-20	ECONOMY: Agreement that modifies the diverse by which terms are suspended in the Ministry of Economy and administrative measures are established to contain the spread of the coronavirus COVID-19.
04-03-20	HEALTH: Agreement establishing extraordinary actions to be carried out for the acquisition and import of goods and services referred to in sections II and III of Article Second of the Decree declaring extraordinary actions in the affected regions of all the national territory in terms of general health to combat the serious disease of priority attention generated by the SARS-CoV2 virus (COVID-19), published on March 27, 2020.
	HEALTH: Explanatory Note to the Agreement establishing extraordinary actions to address the health emergency caused by the SARS-CoV2 virus, published in the evening edition of March 31, 2020.
04-23-20	SEC'Y OF GOVERNMENT: Guidelines for the design, elaboration, distribution, assignment, replacement, destruction, registration, control, storage and use of migratory stamps for border control of the United Mexican States by air, sea and land ports.
04-30-20	ECONOMY: Acuerdo by which the Ministry of Economy informs producers of passenger vehicles or light trucks in North America of the procedures for submitting applications to use an Alternative Transition Regime established in the Appendix to Annex 4-B of the Chapter 4 of the Treaty between the United Mexican States, the United States of America and Canada.

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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UNITED STATES

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Presidential documents

During the past month, President Trump signed the following documents that relate to international trade or travel, regulatory reform, national security, law enforcement or related activities:

Date	Subject
04-01-20	Executive Order 13911 of March 27, 2020 - Delegating Additional Authority Under the Defense Production Act With Respect to Health and Medical Resources To Respond to the Spread of COVID-19
	Executive Order 13912 of March 27, 2020 - National Emergency Authority To Order the Selected Reserve and Certain Members of the Individual Ready Reserve of the Armed Forces to Active Duty
	Memorandum of March 28, 2020 -Providing Federal Support for Governors' Use of the National Guard To Respond to COVID-19
	Memorandum of March 30, 2020 -Providing Federal Support for Governors' Use of the National Guard To Respond to COVID-19
04-02-20	Memorandum of March 30, 2020 Extending the Wind-Down Period for Deferred Enforced Departure for Liberians
	Notice of April 1, 2020 Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to South Sudan
Not published in Federal Register	Memorandum of April 2, 2020-on Order Under the Defense Production Act Regarding the Purchase of Ventilators
	Memorandum of April 2, 2020-on Order Under the Defense Production Act Regarding 3M Company
	Memorandum of April 3, 2020 - on Allocating Certain Scarce or Threatened Health and Medical Resources to Domestic Use
04-06-20	Notice of April 3, 2020 Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Somalia
04-07-20	Memorandum of April 2, 2020 - on Providing Federal Support for Governors' Use of the National Guard to Respond to COVID-19
04-08-20	Executive Order 13913 of April 4, 2020 - Establishing the Committee for the Assessment of Foreign Participation in the United States Telecommunications Services Sector
04-09-20	Executive Order 13914 of April 6, 2020 - Encouraging International Support For The Recovery And Use Of Space Resources
	Memorandum of April 7, 2020 - Providing Federal Support for Governors' Use of the National Guard to Respond to COVID-19
04-17-20	Memorandum of April 13, 2020 Providing Federal Support for Governors' Use of the National Guard To Respond to COVID-19
	Memorandum of April 10, 2020 Authorizing the Exercise of Authority Under Public Law 85- 804
04-23-20	Executive Order 13916 of April 19, 2020 -on National Emergency Authority to Temporarily Extend Deadlines for Certain Estimated Payments

Date	Subject
04-24-20	Memorandum of April 20, 2020 Providing Continued Federal Support for Governors' Use of the National Guard To Respond to COVID-19 and To Facilitate Economic Recovery
04-27-20	Proclamation 10014 of April 22, 2020 - Suspension of Entry of Immigrants Who Present a Risk to the United States Labor Market During the Economic Recovery Following the 2019 Novel Coronavirus Outbreak

United States invokes Defense Production Act to limit exports of critical us medical supplies

On April 3, 2020, President Trump issued an order via Presidential Memorandum (“[Order](#)”) invoking an obscure authority under Section 101 of the Defense Production Act, 50 U.S.C. § 4501 *et seq.* (“[DPA](#)”), to potentially restrict exports from the United States of personal protective equipment (“PPE”) needed in the response to the COVID-19 crisis. This is in the wake of numerous countries around the world implementing export bans on PPE and other medical supplies (see our previous blog posts on these non-US developments [here](#)). The White House also issued a statement (“[WH Statement](#)”) in connection with the Order that explains that it is intended to “prevent hoarding, price gouging, and profiteering by preventing the harmful export” of critically needed materials. The Order follows several days in which the Administration ordered specific US companies to accept and prioritize orders for ventilators and respirators and reportedly pressured at least one company not to export those materials.

Which Materials are Covered by the Order?

The Order covers certain of the 15 categories of materials previously identified as “scarce or threatened materials” by the US Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”) in a [notice](#) issued on March 25, 2020. The materials covered by the Order (“Targeted Materials”) all fall into the category of PPE, specifically:

- N-95 Filtering Facepiece Respirators, including devices that are disposable half-face-piece non-powered air-purifying particulate respirators intended for use to cover the nose and mouth of the wearer to help reduce wearer exposure to pathogenic biological airborne particulates;
- Other Filtering Facepiece Respirators (*e.g.*, those designated as N99, N100, R95, R99, R100, or P95, P99, P100), including single-use, disposable half-mask respiratory protective devices that cover the user’s airway (nose and mouth) and offer protection from particulate materials at an N95 filtration efficiency level per 42 CFR § 84.181;|
- Elastomeric, air-purifying respirators and appropriate particulate filters/cartridges;
- PPE surgical masks, including masks that cover the user’s nose and mouth and provide a physical barrier to fluids and particulate materials; and
- PPE gloves or surgical gloves, including those defined at 21 CFR § 880.6250 (exam gloves) and § 878.4460 (surgical gloves)

The Order does not cover the other materials identified as “scarce or threatened materials” in the HHS notice, which includes, among other things, drug products with the active ingredient chloroquine or hydroxychloroquine HC1; ventilators and related materials; certain sterilization services; certain sanitizing and disinfecting products; and medical gowns or apparel. It is possible that these materials could be targeted in the future.

Who is Targeted by the Order?

The Order focuses on non-manufacturers and seeks “to prevent domestic brokers, distributors, and other intermediaries from diverting such material overseas.” The WH Statement issued in connection with the Order highlights “wartime profiteering” by these parties in secondary markets that “purchase domestic supplies of scarce and critical materials, hoard them while they engage in profiteering and speculation, and then export them.” The WH Statement explains that this may include “a large army of speculators and warehouse operators operating in the dark corners of our markets” and also “some well-established PPE distributors with the ability to unscrupulously divert PPE inventories from domestic customers, such as hospitals and State governments, to foreign purchasers willing to pay significant premiums.” The WH Statement provides the Order will not interfere with the ability of PPE manufacturers to export “when doing so is consistent with United States policy and in the national interest of the United States.”

Is the Export of these PPE Materials from the United States now Prohibited?

Based on its language, it appears that the Order will need to be implemented by the US Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”). Specifically, the Order directs DHS, through the Federal Emergency Management Agency and in consultation with HHS, to use its DPA Section 101 authority to “allocate to domestic use, as appropriate” the Targeted Materials. The Order uses the “allocation” authority in DPA Section 101 (which does not specifically mention exports) as the mechanism to implement the stated policy objective of preventing exports. The Order does not establish a broad-based prohibition on exports from the United States of the Targeted Materials, which could have been implemented through the [Export Administration Regulations](#), 15 C.F.R. Part 730 *et seq.*, which are administered by the US Department of Commerce’s Bureau of Industry and Security. In any event, this language indicates that further action by DHS is needed to implement the Order. We expect further clarity on in the coming days and will update this article with any noteworthy developments. [[See below](#) for subsequent implementation by FEMA.]

Considering that no President has used the allocation authority under the DPA since the Cold War according to this Congressional Research Service [report](#), it is not immediately clear how DHS will allocate these materials for domestic use and prevent their export from the United States. (DPA Section 101 provides a separate priority authority that allows the President to require US companies to accept and prioritize government contracts. That DPA priority authority has been used regularly by various US Administrations, including in recent days.)

In a [2015 interim final rule](#), HHS had already established a framework called the “Health Resources Priority and Allocations System” to allocate health and medical materials to promote the national defense pursuant to the authority under the DPA as delegated to HHS. If DHS follows this framework established by HHS, one possible way to implement the Order would be to issue an “allocation directive” to specific brokers, distributors, intermediaries, and possibly other parties (e.g., manufacturers) determined to be profiteering by exporting the covered PPE products at a premium. Such an allocation directive could order a party to allocate all of Targeted Materials to domestic use (i.e., not to export any of the products). The US Government may issue further guidance about these DPA developments in the coming days. Baker McKenzie is actively monitoring any further guidance or development on these issues.

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FOR COMMERCE SECTION 232 AND USTR SEC. 201 AND 301 TARIFF AND EXCLUSION INFORMATION AND CBP GUIDANCE ON BOTH, PLEASE SEE THE [NEW SECTION BELOW](#).

USTR publishes procedures for the submission of petitions by North American producers of vehicles or light trucks to use the alternative staging regime for the USMCA

On April 21, 2020, the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a [request for petitions](#) from North American producers of passenger vehicles and light trucks who request an alternative to the standard staging regime for the rules of origin for automotive goods under the *United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement* (USMCA or the Agreement) using the procedures and guidance for submitting petitions in the notice. To be assured of consideration, a vehicle producer must submit a petition with a draft alternative staging plan no later than July 1, 2020. A vehicle producer must submit a petition with its final alternative staging plan no later than August 31, 2020.

The USMCA includes new rules of origin to claim preferential treatment for automotive goods, including higher Regional Value Content (RVC) thresholds, mandatory requirements to produce core parts in the region, mandatory steel and aluminum purchasing requirements, and a Labor Value Content (LVC) requirement. The Agreement allows vehicle producers to request an alternative staging regime for these requirements that would permit a longer period of transition to help ensure that future production is able to meet the new rules. The standard staging regime is specified under the Automotive Appendix to Chapter 4 of the USMCA (Automotive Appendix), with the exception of Article 8, which specifies provisions relating to the alternative staging regime. You can find information about the estimated impact of the USMCA rules of origin on investment, production, and employment in the U.S. automotive sector on the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) website: <https://ustr.gov/tradeagreements/free-trade-agreements/united-states-mexico-canada-agreement/usautomotive-sector>.

The alternative staging regime differs from the standard staging regime by providing additional time and a different phase-in of the new requirements. It provides an alternative to certain rules of origin requirements for passenger vehicles and light trucks, but does not replace any other rules of origin or any provisions of general applicability for these goods to claim preferential treatment under the USMCA.

For instance, under an alternative staging regime, importers of certain passenger vehicles and light trucks will have an additional two years – five years instead of three - to meet the requirements, and the vehicles will have different RVC and LVC thresholds.

See the [Federal Register](#) for details.

USTR cancels hearing and extends comment period on US-Kenya Trade Agreement negotiating objectives

On April 13, 2020, the US Trade Representative published in the *Federal Register* a notice [Docket No. USTR–2020–0011] of cancellation of the public hearing originally scheduled for April 28, 2020, and an extension of the deadline to submit comments on the negotiation objectives for the US-Kenya Trade Agreement. USTR is extending the deadline for written comments until April 28, 2020, and encourages interested persons to file comments and supporting documentation via www.regulations.gov, using docket number USTR–2020–0011.

Other USTR documents

F.R. Date	Subject
04-09-20	Fiscal Year 2020 Allocation of Additional Tariff-Rate Quota Volume for Raw Cane Sugar and Refined Sugar (N) [See FR notice for country-by-country allocations and tranches]

SECTIONS 201, 232 AND 301 TARIFF INFORMATION AND PRODUCT EXCLUSIONS

[In order to simplify research, Secs. 202, 232 and 301 tariff notices and CBP implementation instructions will now be covered in the same section of this Update]

USTR requests comments on extending exclusions from the \$34 Bn. Sec. 301 action against certain goods from China

On April 30, 2020, the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Docket Number USTR-2020-0017] requesting comments on whether to extend certain exclusions from the action against approximately \$34 Bn. of goods [tranche 1] from China that were subject to 25% additional duties imposed on July 6, 2018. USTR granted the sixth set of exclusions in July 2019, which are scheduled to expire on July 9, 2020. The USTR has decided to consider a possible extension for up to 12 months of particular exclusions granted in July 2019 and invites public comment on whether to extend particular exclusions, using the criteria set forth in the notice. Comments must be filed through the online portal <https://comments.USTR.gov> between May 1, 2020 and June 1, 2020 at 11:59pm ET.

USTR requests comments on extending exclusions from the \$16 Bn. Sec. 301 action against certain goods from China

On April 30, 2020, the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Docket Number USTR-2020-0018] requesting comments on whether to extend certain exclusions from the action against approximately \$16 Bn. of goods [tranche 2] from China that were subject to 25% additional duties imposed on August 23, 2018 [also referred to as tranche 2]. In a September 18, 2018 notice (September 18 notice; 83 FR 47236) USTR required submission of requests for exclusion from the \$16 billion action no later than December 18, 2018, and noted that the USTR periodically would announce decisions. The USTR granted multiple sets of exclusions. The first set of exclusions were granted in July 2019, which are scheduled to expire on July 31, 2020. See 84 FR 37381 (July 31, 2019) (the July 2019 notice).

USTR has decided to consider a possible extension for up to 12 months of particular exclusions granted in the July 2019 notice and invites public comments on whether to extend particular exclusions granted in the July 2019 notice, based on

the criteria set forth in the April 30 notice. For exclusions amended or corrected by a later issued notice of product exclusions, parties should provide their extension comments on the docket corresponding to the initial notice of product exclusions. Comments must be filed through the online portal <https://comments.USTR.gov> between May 1, 2020 and June 1, 2020 at 11:59pm ET.

USTR grants additional Sec. 301 (Tranche 3) product exclusions

On April 24, 2020, the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) that announces the USTR's determination to grant certain exclusion requests, as specified in the Annex to the notice, and corrects a technical error in a previously announced exclusion. The product exclusions will apply as of September 24, 2018, the effective date of the \$200 billion (Tranche 3) action, and extend to August 7, 2020. The amendments announced in the notice are retroactive to the date that the original exclusions were published.

As set forth in the Annex to the notice, the exclusions are reflected in one 10-digit HTSUS subheading, which covers 20 separate exclusion requests, and 107 specially prepared product descriptions, which cover 157 separate exclusion requests. As with previous exclusions, the exclusions are available for any product that meets the description in the Annex, regardless of whether the importer benefiting from the product exclusion filed an exclusion request. Further, the scope of each exclusion is governed by the scope of the product descriptions in the Annex, and not by the product descriptions found in any particular request for exclusion.

- Paragraph A, subparagraphs 1 and 2 create a new subheading 9903.88.45 for the exclusions and a new US note 20 (xx) to subchapter III of chapter 99, *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* (HTSUS).
- Paragraph A, subparagraphs 3 through 5 of the Annex contain conforming amendments to the HTSUS reflecting the modifications made by the Annex.
- Paragraph B of the Annex contains an amendment reflecting a technical correction to a certain note to the HTSUS, specifically US note 20(mm)(11), published at 84 FR 61674 (November 13, 2019).

USTR seeks withdrawal of exclusions of Bifacial Solar Panels from Sec. 201 safeguards

On April 17, 2020, the US Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Docket No. USTR–2020–0001] that states that USTR will request that the US Court of International Trade (CIT) lift the order preliminarily enjoining the withdrawal from entering into effect. On January 23, 2018, the President imposed a safeguard measure on imports of certain solar products pursuant to a Section 201 investigation. On February 14, 2018, the USTR established procedures for interested persons to request product-specific exclusions from application of the safeguard measure and to comment on the submitted requests. Based on the requests and comments received, the USTR granted certain requests on June 13, 2019, including a request to exclude from the safeguard measure bifacial solar panels that consist only of bifacial solar cells. On January 27, 2020, the USTR established procedures to consider whether to maintain, withdraw, or take some other action with respect to the exclusion of bifacial solar panels from the safeguard measure. Based on an evaluation of the comments received, and responses to those comments, and in consultation with the Secretaries of Commerce and Energy, the USTR has determined that the bifacial solar

panel exclusion is undermining the objectives of the safeguard measure. Accordingly, USTR published a notice withdrawing the exclusion of bifacial solar panels, effective as of October 28, 2019. See 84 FR 54244.

On October 21, 2019, Invenergy Renewables LLC (Invenergy) filed a complaint with the CIT alleging that USTR failed to provide notice and comment required under the *Administrative Procedure Act* (APA), 5 U.S.C. 551 et seq., before withdrawing the exclusion of bifacial solar panels. Invenergy filed a motion for a preliminary injunction to prevent the withdrawal from entering into effect. The CIT issued a preliminary injunction on December 5, 2019, enjoining the USTR from withdrawing the exclusion on bifacial solar panels from the safeguard measure.

USTR has determined that the bifacial exclusion is undermining the objective of the safeguard measure on solar products, does not meet the criteria for a legitimate exclusion, and should be withdrawn. The USTR has found further and additionally that the findings in the USITC March Report support the conclusion that the bifacial exclusion is undermining the objectives of the safeguard measure. Accordingly, USTR will request that the CIT lift the order preliminarily enjoining the withdrawal from entering into effect.

USTR extends certain product exclusions for Tranche 1 (\$34B) of Sec. 301 China tariffs

On April 10, 2020, the US Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) that extends for one year certain exclusions, which were granted in April 2019 from the approx. \$34B worth of Chinese products (represented by 818 8-digit subheadings) subject to 25% tariffs imposed on July 6, 2018. The product exclusion extensions announced in the notice will apply as of April 18, 2020, and extend for one year. US Customs and Border Protection will issue instructions on entry guidance and implementation.

Exclusions are available for any product that meets the description in the Annex, regardless of whether the importer filed an exclusion request. Further, the scope of each exclusion is governed by the scope of the 10-digit HTSUS headings and product descriptions in the Annex to this notice, and not by the product descriptions set out in any particular request for exclusion.

Effective with respect to good entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time on July 6, 2018, and before April 18, 2021, the additional duties provided for in heading 9903.88.01 shall not apply to products which are provided for in heading 9903.88.07 and described by US notes 20(j)(2), 20(j)(4), 20(j)(6), 20(j)(7), 20(j)(11), 20(j)(12), 20(j)(14) and 20(j)(21) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS.

CBP GUIDANCE ON SEC. 232 AND 301 TARIFFS AND PRODUCT EXCLUSIONS

SEC. 232

CBP updates guidance on Chapter 98 claims for Sec. 232 entries

On April 13, 2020, CBP issued [CSMS #42355735 - Updated Guidance for Chapter 98 - Section 232 Imports of Steel and Aluminum](#), which is reproduced below:

The purpose of this CSMS message is to update CSMS #18-000424 to address the guidance for products entered under the provisions of Chapter 98, HTSUS

for goods that are subject to the additional duties for Section 232 Steel and Aluminum.

BACKGROUND

On March 8, 2018, the President issued Proclamations 9704 and 9705 on Adjusting Imports of Steel and Aluminum into the United States, under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1862), providing for additional import duties for steel mill and aluminum articles, effective March 23, 2018. See the Federal Register, 83 FR 11619 and 83 FR 11625 (March 15, 2018).

U.S. Note 19 to Subchapter III of Chapter 99, HTSUS, was amended to read, in pertinent part, “[h]eading 9903.85.01 provides the ordinary customs duty treatment of aluminum products of all countries other than products of the United States and other than of countries expressly exempt therefrom”

U.S. Note 16 to Subchapter III of Chapter 99, HTSUS, was amended to read, in pertinent part, “[h]eading 9903.80.01 provides the ordinary customs duty treatment of iron or steel products of all countries other than products of the United States and other than of countries expressly exempt therefrom”

These duty requirements are effective with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time on March 23, 2018.

GUIDANCE

PRODUCTS ENTERED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 98, HTSUS

The amended U.S. Notes 19 and 16 to Subchapter III of Chapter 99, HTSUS, clarify that “[g]oods for which entry is claimed under a provision of chapter 98 and which are subject to the additional duties prescribed herein shall be eligible for and subject to the terms of such provision and applicable U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) regulations, except that duties under subheading 9802.00.60 shall be assessed based upon the full value of the imported article.”

Accordingly, where a valid claim for Chapter 98 treatment is made for goods that are also subject to Section 232 duties (i.e., classifiable in one of the named provisions in Ch. 72, 73 or 76 and a product of a country other than the United States or an exempt country), ***Chapter 98 treatment will be applied. However, in addition, Section 232 duties, under Chapter 99, will be assessed independently from any Chapter 98 treatment and in accordance with the applicable chapter 99 note. Furthermore, where the Chapter 98 provision provides for the assessment of duties on a portion of the article, such as the value of the repair or other processing, Section 232 duties are to be assessed on that value.*** However, an exception occurs for subheading 9802.00.60, HTSUS. If covered goods are entered under this provision, Section 232 duties are to be assessed on the entire value of the articles.

Information and contacts related to Section 232 entry filing requirements is located on the trade remedy website on CBP.gov at <https://www.cbp.gov/trade/remedies>. Questions from the importing community concerning ACE entry rejections involving product exclusion numbers should be referred to their CBP Client Representative.

Related CSMS#: [18-000424](#), [18-000372](#), [18-000352](#), [18-000317](#)

Sec. 301

CBP issues guidance on Sec. 301 exclusion extensions for Tranche 1

On April 13, 2020, CBP issued [CSMS #42355914 - GUIDANCE: Section 301 China – Extension of Certain Product Exclusions Covered under Tranche 1 - §34B –Action \(9903.88.07\)](#).

BACKGROUND

On April 10, 2020, the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) published Federal Register (FR) Notice [85 FR 20332](#) to extend for 12 months certain product exclusions covered by the April 18, 2019 notice (see [84 FR 16310](#)) for Section 301 duties on China (§34B Action - Tranche 1).

These product exclusions relate to the imposed additional duties on Chinese goods with an annual trade value of approximately \$34 billion, apply retroactive to the July 6, 2018 effective date of the \$34 billion action, and will extend to April 18, 2021.

The scope of each exclusion is governed by the scope of the HTSUS 10-digit classification and product descriptions in the Annex per FR notice [85 FR 20332](#); not by the product descriptions set out in any particular request for exclusion. A link to the Federal Register Notice is embedded in this message.

The functionality for the acceptance of the extended product exclusions will be available in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) by 7am, Eastern Standard Time on April 14, 2020.

GUIDANCE

For reference, instructions for importers, brokers, and filers on submitting entries to CBP containing certain product exclusions that were extended are set out below:

In addition to reporting the regular Chapters 84 and 90 classifications of the HTSUS for the imported merchandise, importers shall report the HTSUS classification 9903.88.07 (Articles, the product of China, as provided for in U.S. note 20(j) to this subchapter, each covered by an exclusion granted by the USTR for imported merchandise subject to the exclusion).

- Importers shall not submit the corresponding Chapter 99 HTS number for the Section 301 duties when HTS 9903.88.07 is submitted.

Product Exclusions granted a 12-month extension under HTS 9903.88.07:

- 8420.10.9080, 8425.39.0100, 8431.20.0000, 8479.90.9496, 8481.90.9040 and 9030.33.3800

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Imports which have been granted a product exclusion from the Section 301 measures, and which are not subject to the Section 301 duties, are not covered by the Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) provisions of the Section 301 Federal Register notices, but instead are subject to the FTZ provisions in 19 CFR part 146.

Duty exclusions granted by the USTR are retroactive for imports on or after the initial July 6, 2018 effective date of the Tranche 1, \$34B Action, of the China Section 301 trade remedies. To request a refund of Section 301 duties paid on previous imports of products granted duty exclusions by the USTR, importers may file a Post Summary Correction (PSC) if within the PSC filing timeframe. If the entry is beyond the PSC filing timeframe, but within 180 days of the liquidation action, importers may protest the liquidation.

Reminder: When importers, brokers, and/or filers are submitting an entry summary in which a heading or subheading in Chapter 99 is claimed on imported merchandise, please reference CSMS [39587858](#) (Entry Summary Order of Reporting for Multiple HTSUS when 98 or 99 HTSUS are required).

For ease of reference, a summary of Section 301 duties and product exclusion notifications are provided as an attachment.

Questions from the importing community concerning ACE entry rejections involving product exclusions should be referred to their CBP Client Representative. Questions related to Section 301 entry-filing requirements, please refer to CSMS message #40969690 (Information on Trade Remedy Questions and Resources) <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCBP/bulletins/27125da>

Related Messages: 42219187, 42181055, 42180527, 42048963, 41955151, 42049352, 48134749, 40003027, 40002982, 40001360, 19-000052, 41702837, 41179115, 41052773, 41538917, 40984510, 40901928, 49710742, 40330403, 40208881, 40969690, 40564257, 39587690, 39587858, 39473933, 39268267, 93169565, 38840764, 19-000332, 19-000260, 19-000244, 19-000238, 19-000236, 19-000212

- [Sec. 301 Tranches and Rounds attachment 041320.pdf](#)

THE CHART BELOW SHOWS *FEDERAL REGISTER* NOTICES AND CSMS MESSAGES REGARDING PRODUCT EXCLUSIONS UNDER SEC. 301

SUMMARY OF SECTION 301 DUTIES ON PRODUCTS OF CHINA - Product Exclusions Granted						
Round	Tranche	Federal Register Notice	Publication Date	Effective Date*	HTS	CSMS
1 st	Tranche 1 - \$34B Exclusion submissions due 10/9/2018	83 FR 67463	12/28/2018	7/6/2018 -12/28/2019	9903.88.05	19-000052
		84 FR 70616	12/23/2019	12/28/2019 -12/28/2020	Extensions granted	41167371
2 nd		84 FR 11152	3/25/2019	7/6/2018 -3/25/2020	9903.88.06	19-000155
3 rd		84 FR 16310	4/18/2019	7/6/2018 -4/18/2020	9903.88.07	19-000212
		85 FR 20332	4/10/2020	4/18/2020 -4/18/2021	Extensions granted	42355914
4 th		84 FR 21389	5/14/2019	7/6/2018 -5/14/2020	9903.88.08	19-000244
5 th		84 FR 25895	6/4/2019	7/6/2018 -6/4/2019	9903.88.10	19-000332
6 th		84 FR 32821	7/9/2019	7/6/2018 -7/9/2020	9903.88.11	38840764
7 th		84 FR 49564	9/20/2019	7/6/2018 -9/20/2020	9903.88.14	40002982
8 th		84 FR 52567	10/2/2019	7/6/2018 -10/2/2020	9903.88.19	40330403
9 th	84 FR 69016	12/17/2019	7/6/2018 -10/1/2020**	Amendments & corrections		
10 th	85 FR 7816	02/11/2020	7/6/2018 -10/1/2020**	9903.88.19	41878462	
1 st	Tranche 2 - \$16B Exclusion submissions due 12/18/2018	84 FR 37381	7/31/2019	8/23/2018 -7/31/2020	9903.88.12	39169565
2 nd		84 FR 49600	9/20/2019	8/23/2018 -9/20/2020	9903.88.17	40001360
3 rd		84 FR 52553	10/2/2019	8/23/2018 -10/2/2020	9903.88.20	40208881
4 th		84 FR 69011	12/17/2019	8/23/2018 to **	Amendments & corrections	
5 th		85 FR 10808	2/25/20	8/23/2018 -10/1/2020 10/2/2019-10/1/2020	Adds US Note 20(y)(112) Amendment	
1 st	Tranche 3 - \$200B Exclusion submissions due 9/30/2019	84 FR 38717	8/7/2019	9/24/2018-8/7/2020	9903.88.13	39268267
2 nd		84 FR 49591	9/20/2019	9/24/2018 -8/7/2020	9903.88.18	40003027
3 rd		84 FR 57803	10/28/2019	9/24/2018 -8/7/2020	9903.88.33	40564257
4 th		84 FR 61674	11/13/2019	9/24/2018 -8/7/2020	9903.88.34	40710742
5 th		84 FR 65882	11/29/2019	9/24/2018 -8/7/2020	9903.88.35	40901928
6 th		84 FR 69012	12/17/19	9/24/2018 -8/7/2020	9903.88.36	41052773

7 th		85 FR 549	1/6/2020	9/24/2018 -8/7/2020	9903.88.37	41702837
8 th		85 FR 6674	2/5/2020	9/24/2018 -8/7/2020	9903.88.38	41834749
9 th		85 FR 9921	2/20/2020	9/24/2018 -8/7/2020	9903.88.40	
10 th		85 FR 15015	3/16/2020	9/24/2018 -8/7/2020	9903.88.41	42048963
11 th		85 FR 17158	3/26/2020	9/24/2018 -8/7/2020	9903.88.43	42181055
12 th		85 FR 23122	4/24/20	9/24/2018 -8/7/2020	9903.88.45	
1 st	Tranche 4A \$300B	85 FR 13970	3/10/2020	9/1/2019 -9/1/2020	9903.88.39	41955151
2 nd		85 FR 15244	3/17/2020	9/1/2019 -9/1/2020	9903.88.42	42049352
3 rd		85 FR 17936	3/31/2020	9/1/2019 -9/1/2020	9903.88.44	42219187
<p>*/ Tranche 1 exclusions are retroactive to 7/6/2018 and expire 1 year after publication Tranche 2 exclusions are retroactive to 8/23/2018 and expire 1 year after publication Tranche 3 exclusions are retroactive to 9/24/2018 and will expire on 8/7/2020</p> <p>**/ Corrections are retroactive to original date but do not extend exclusions beyond original expiration dates</p> <p>***/ Notices regarding possible extensions have been published: 84 FR 58427 Notice for 12/28/19; Decision 84 FR 70616 84 FR 72102 Notice for 3/25/20 85 FR 6687 Notice for 4/18/20 85 FR 12373 Notice for 5/19/20</p>						

USITC will accept comments on petitions for duty suspensions and reductions in category VI

On April 24, 2020, the US International Trade Commission (USITC) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) that it will accept additional comments from the public, during the period June 12 to June 22, 2020, on petitions for duty suspensions and reductions that the Commission places in Category VI in the preliminary report that it sends to the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance on June 9, 2020.

Under the *American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2016* (the Act), the USITC must submit its preliminary report on the petitions for duty suspensions and reductions that have been filed with it to the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance on June 9, 2020. In that report, the USITC must categorize each petition as either (a) a petition that meets the requirements of the Act with or without modification (Category I, II, III, or IV petitions), (b) a petition that does not contain the information required by the Act or that was not filed by a likely beneficiary (Category V petitions), or (c) a petition that the Commission does not recommend for inclusion in a miscellaneous tariff bill (Category VI petitions). The USITC has decided that it will accept additional comments from the public on any petitions that are listed as Category VI petitions for a ten-day period beginning on June 12, 2020, at 8:45 a.m. As provided in the notice, all such comments must be submitted electronically through the USITC's [website](#) between June 12, 2020 at 8:45 a.m.

USITC extends postponement of all 337 in-person hearings

On April 21, 2020, the US International Trade Commission (USITC) published in the *Federal Register* [a notice](#) that, in light of the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, the USITC has determined to extend postponement of all section 337 in-person hearings until June 10, 2020. Administrative Law Judges (ALJ) are directed to notify all affected parties and to schedule new dates for the hearings as appropriate. ALJs may otherwise conduct their investigations in accordance with their established procedures.

USITC investigations

The ITC initiated (I), terminated (T), requested information or comments (RFC), issued a report (R), or scheduled a hearing (H) regarding the following investigations (other than 337 and antidumping, countervailing duty or safeguards) this month: (*Click on the investigation title to obtain details from the Federal Register notice or ITC Press Release*)

Investigation. No. and title
Inv. No. 332-573 Global Economic Impact of Missing and Low Pesticide Maximum Residue Levels; Notice of Change in Completion Date, Clarification of Deadline for Filing Written Submissions
Inv. No. 332-574 Renewable Electricity: Potential Economic Effects of Increased Commitments in Massachusetts; Notice of Postponement of Public Hearing, Dates for Filing Written Submissions
Inv. No. 332-575 Seafood Obtained via Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing: U.S. Imports and Economic Impact on U.S. Commercial Fisheries; Notice of Postponement of Public Hearing, Dates for Filing Written Submissions
Inv. No. 332-576 COVID-19 Related Goods: U.S. Imports and Tariffs (I)
Inv. No. 332-571 U.S. Trade and Investment with Sub-Saharan Africa: Recent Trends and New Developments. (USITC Pub. 5043) (R)

CUSTOMS, IMPORTS AND FOREIGN TRADE ZONES

Commerce proposes establishing an aluminum import monitoring and analysis system

On April 29, 2020, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration (ITA), Commerce, published in the *Federal Register* a [proposed rule](#) [Docket ITA-2020-200408-0103] to establish an Aluminum Import Monitoring and Analysis (AIM) system. Over the past decade, Commerce has operated the Steel Import Monitoring and Analysis (SIMA) system to monitor for import surges of specific steel products and to monitor for potential transshipment and circumvention of US trade measures relating to these products. AIM, as proposed, will be similar to the existing SIMA system. Specifically, Commerce proposes to require import license applicants to identify the country where the aluminum used in the manufacture of the imported aluminum product was smelted and poured; to release this data on an aggregate basis, as appropriate; and to apply the licensing requirement to cover all imports of basic aluminum products, which are listed in Annex II. To be assured of consideration, written comments must be received on or before 5 p.m. EST on May 29, 2020.

CBP continues temporary travel restrictions to land POEs and ferries between US and Canada

On April 22, 2020, US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published two separate notifications of continuation of temporary travel restrictions, which an-

nounce the decision of the Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary) to continue to temporarily limit the travel of individuals [from Canada](#) or [Mexico](#) into the United States at land ports of entry along the United States-Canada and United States- Mexico borders. Such travel will be limited to “essential travel,” as further defined in the document.

“Essential travel” includes, but is not limited to—

- U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents returning to the United States;
- Individuals traveling for medical purposes (e.g., to receive medical treatment in the United States);
- Individuals traveling to attend educational institutions;
- Individuals traveling to work in the United States (e.g., individuals working in the farming or agriculture industry who must travel between the United States and Canada or Mexico in furtherance of such work);
- Individuals traveling for emergency response and public health purposes (e.g., government officials or emergency responders entering the United States to support federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial government efforts to respond to COVID-19 or other emergencies);
- Individuals engaged in lawful cross-border trade (e.g., truck drivers supporting the movement of cargo between the United States and Canada or Mexico);
- Individuals engaged in official government travel or diplomatic travel;
- Members of the U.S. Armed Forces, and the spouses and children of members of the U.S. Armed Forces, returning to the United States; and
- Individuals engaged in military-related travel or operations.

The following travel does not fall within the definition of “essential travel” for purposes of this Notification—

- Individuals traveling for tourism purposes (e.g., sightseeing, recreation, gambling, or attending cultural events).

The notification does not apply to air, freight rail, or sea travel between the United States and Canada or Mexico, but does apply to passenger rail and ferry travel between the United States and Canada or Mexico.

These restrictions go into effect at 12 a.m. EDT on April 21, 2020 and will remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. EDT on May 20, 2020.

CBP temporarily postpones the time to deposit certain estimated duties, taxes and fees during the Covid-19 national emergency

On April 22, 2020, US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the *Federal Register* a [temporary final rule](#) [USCBP-2020-0017; CBP Dec. 20-05] implementing the Executive Order issued on April 18, 2020, entitled “National Emergency Authority to Temporarily Extend Deadlines for Certain Estimated Payments” authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to exercise the authority under section 318(a) of the *Tariff Act of 1930*. The Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the designee of the Secretary of Homeland Security -- CBP, is amending the CBP regulations by adding a new 19 C.F.R. 24.1a, to temporarily postpone the deadline for importers of record with a significant financial hardship to deposit certain estimated duties, taxes, and fees that they would ordinarily be obligated to pay as of the date of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, for merchandise entered in March or April 2020, for a period of 90 days from the date that the deposit would otherwise have been due but for this

emergency action. This temporary postponement does not permit return of any deposits of estimated duties, taxes, and/or fees that have been paid. This temporary postponement also does not apply to entries, or withdrawals from warehouse, subject to certain specified trade remedies, and any entry summary that includes merchandise subject to those trade remedies is not eligible under this rule.

This emergency action is being taken in response to the extraordinary challenges facing U.S. individuals and businesses during the COVID-19 national emergency (which significantly affects the trade community), and is consistent with the Secretary of the Treasury's decision to postpone due dates for Federal income tax payments under section 7508A(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (available at <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus>).

This temporary postponement does not permit return of any deposits of estimated duties, taxes, and/or fees that have been paid. This temporary postponement also does not apply to any entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, or any deposit of estimated duties, taxes, or fees for the entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, where the entry summary includes any merchandise subject to one or more of the following: antidumping duties (assessed pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1673 et seq.), countervailing duties (assessed pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1671 et seq.), duties assessed pursuant to Section 232 of the *Trade Expansion Act of 1962* (19 U.S.C. 1862), duties assessed pursuant to Section 201 of the *Trade Act of 1974* (19 U.S.C. 2251 et seq.), and duties assessed pursuant to Section 301 of the *Trade Act of 1974* (19 U.S.C. 2411 et seq.). Accordingly, CBP anticipates that importers will file separate entries when a shipment contains both merchandise that is eligible for temporary postponement and merchandise that is ineligible (because of the above-specified trade remedies).

To qualify for this temporary postponement, an importer must demonstrate a significant financial hardship. An eligible importer's operation must be fully or partially suspended during March or April 2020 due to orders from a competent governmental authority limiting commerce, travel, or group meetings because of COVID-19, and as a result of such suspension, the gross receipts of such importer for March 13-31, 2020 or April 2020 are less than 60 percent of the gross receipts for the comparable period in 2019. An eligible importer need not file additional documentation with CBP to be eligible for this relief but must maintain documentation as part of its books and records establishing that it meets the requirements for relief.

CBP notes that for some types of entries, the time of entry is contingent (in part) upon the deposit of estimated duties, taxes, and fees. See, e.g., 19 CFR 141.68(b). To ensure clarity in the application of the temporary postponement vis-à-vis the time of entry, this emergency action 7 includes a waiver of the regulatory requirement to deposit estimated duties, taxes, and fees for the purpose of establishing the time of entry in those instances where it would otherwise be required under 19 CFR 141.68. The time of entry can thus be established in the absence of the deposit of estimated duties, taxes, and fees postponed in accordance with this emergency action.

Effective date: April 20, 2020. Comments must be received by May 20, 2020.

Also see: [CSMS #42459926 - CBP.gov Frequently Asked Questions for 90 Day Postponement of Payment for the Deposit of Certain Estimated Duties, Taxes, and Fees](#)

CBP publishes quarterly interest rates

On April 3, 2020, US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the *Federal Register* a [general notice](#) that advises the public that the quarterly Internal Revenue Service interest rates used to calculate interest on overdue accounts (underpayments) and refunds (overpayments) of customs duties will remain the same from the previous quarter. For the calendar quarter beginning April 1, 2020, the interest rates for overpayments will be 4 percent for corporations and 5 percent for non-corporations, and the interest rate for underpayments will be 5 percent for both corporations and non-corporations. This notice is published for the convenience of the importing public and CBP personnel. The rates announced in this notice are applicable as of April 1, 2020.

Miscellaneous CBP Federal Register documents

The following documents not discussed above were published by CBP in the *Federal Register*. [Note that multiple listings of approved gaugers and laboratories reflects different locations and/or products.]

F.R. Date	Subject
04-10-20	Agency Information Collection Activities: Distribution of Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset to Affected Domestic Producers [OMB Control No. 1651-0086] (N) [CBP Form 7401]
	Agency Information Collection Activities: Foreign Assembler's Declaration [OMB Control No. 1651-0031] (N)
	Agency Information Collection Activities: General Declaration [OMB Control No. 1651-0002] (N) [CBP Form 7507]
	Agency Information Collection Activities: NAFTA regulations and Certificate of Origin [OMB Control No. 1651-0098] (N) [CBP Forms 434, 446, and 447]
	Agency Information Collection Activities: Passenger List/Crew List [OMB Control No. 1651-0103] (N) [CBP Form I-418]
	Agency Information Collection Activities: Record of Vessel Foreign Repair or Equipment Purchase [OMB Control No. 1651-0027] (N) [CBP Form 226]
	Agency Information Collection Activities: Ship's Stores Declaration [OMB Control No. 1651-0018] (N) [CBP Form 1303]
04-28-20	Approval of Intertek USA, Inc. as a Commercial Gauger: Wilmington, NC
04-30-20	Response to Public Comments Regarding the Construction of Border Wall within Certain Areas in the Rio Grande Valley, Texas [Docket No. USCBP-2019-0018] (N)

Detention Orders (Withhold Release Orders)

When information reasonably but not conclusively indicates that merchandise within the purview of 19 U.S.C. §1307 (forced or convict labor) is being imported, the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) may issue withhold release orders pursuant to 19 C.F.R. § 12.42(e). The following withhold release orders were issued by the Commissioner during the period of coverage of this Update.

Date	Country	Merchandise and Manufacturer(s)
03-24-20	Malaysia	CBP revokes 9-30-19 order for rubber gloves imported by WRP Asia Pacific Sdn. Bhd
03-31-20		CBP revokes 2-4-19 order for tuna and tuna products harvested from the Tunago No.61 vessel

Revocations or modifications of CBP rulings

[See separate section below.](#)

CSMS messages

The following CBP Cargo Systems Messaging Service (CSMS) notices were issued during the period covered by this Update. ACE outages or delays which have already occurred and problems which have been resolved are not included below.

Date	CSMS# and Title
04-01-20	CSMS #42227529 - AD and CVD Investigations on Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet from Multiple Countries
	CSMS #42230834 - Food and Drug Administration (FDA) System Scheduled Down Time: April 4, 11PM to Sunday, April 5, 3AM EDT
	CSMS #42230393 - ACE PRODUCTION PGA/ITDS Deployment, Thursday 04/02/2020 @0500ET
	CSMS #42231420 - Launching of CBP's COVID-19 Updates and Announcements Webpage
	CSMS #42232417 - NCSD April 2020 Webinars
04-02-20	CSMS #42239588 - Update to the US Fish and Wildlife Implementation Guide
	CSMS #42239902 - Update to Appendix PGA
	CSMS #42242414 - ACE Issue previously reported in CSMS #42219778 ACE Entry Summary (AE) transactions with X-V sets receiving error P00 PGA DATA MISSING PER PGA FLAG
	CSMS #42243866 - CBP Local Port Downtime For the Port of Anchorage, Alaska (Port Code 3126) – Effective on 04/02/2020 to Until Further Notice
	CSMS #42247153 - UPDATE - CBP Local Port Downtime For the Port of Anchorage, Alaska (Port Code 3126)
	CSMS #42247648 - NEW UPDATE - CBP Local Port Downtime For the Port of Anchorage, Alaska (Port Code 3126)
04-03-20	CSMS #42253103 - FDA Recommends Use of ITACS During COVID-19 Outbreak
04-05-20	CSMS #42272898 - Information for Filing Personal Protective Equipment and Medical Devices During COVID-19
04-06-20	CSMS #42279680 - Updated ACE CATAIR CQ message Implementation Guide now posted on CBP.GOV
	CSMS #42280794 - USDA Agriculture Marketing Service (AMS) Message set for the National Organics Program is in CERT now and will be in Production (with a warning severity) later in April
	CSMS #42282038 - Enhancements to ACE Truck Manifest – Phase 1: Current ACE Portal User Interface (UI) to be Retired on April 29, 2020
	CSMS #42282883 - Information on ACE Cargo Release Message Issue
	CSMS #42283516 - Entry Summary, Payment and Post-Release Processing of Trade Activities Due to COVID-19
	CSMS #42283953 - RESOLVED: Information on ACE Cargo Release Message Issue
	CSMS #42285463 - 5106 Importer Accounts ACE System Failure Issue Affecting Certain Users Resolved
04-07-20	CSMS #42294026 - Update to the PGA Flag Enforcement Table
	CSMS #42296248 - Drawback Update: New Drawback Webpages on CBP.gov
	CSMS #42296630 - Food and Drug Administration (FDA) FEI and D&B Portals – Available for Use!
04-08-20	CSMS #42307043 - Delays in ACE Application responses and connections
	CSMS #42307414 - Update to ACE PGA Corrections Table
	CSMS #42307478 - RESOLVED: Delays in ACE Application responses and connections
	CSMS #42307854 - ACE PRODUCTION PGA/ITDS Deployment, Thursday 04/09/2020 @0500ET

Date	CSMS# and Title
	CSMS #42308823 - CPSC 1USG Messaging Update
	CSMS #42309233 - Delays in trade-facing ACE Application responses and connections
	CSMS #42309981 - RESOLVED: ACE trade-facing Applications connection issues
	CSMS #42293237 - Updates to ACE Reports Catalog
04-09-20	CSMS #42315768 - AD and CVD Investigations: Vertical Shaft Engines 99cc to 225cc, and Parts, from China
	CSMS #42320854 - Processing International Donations for COVID-19 Response
	CSMS #42321214 - 2020 Raw and Refined Sugar Increased Allocations
04-10-20	CSMS #42326840 - FDA Scheduled System Down Time this Weekend: Saturday, April 11, 2020 11:00 PM EDT to Sunday April 12, 2020 1:30 AM EDT
	CSMS #42327317 - ACE Account Merge Request – Process Change For The COVID-19 Period
	CSMS #42327605 - Food and Drug Administration (FDA) New Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) Product Code
	CSMS #42351818 - RESOLVED: FTZ e214 issue with Invalid Zone ID errors
04-13-20	CSMS #42353678 - Reminder: Enhancements to ACE Truck Manifest – Phase 1: Current ACE Portal User Interface (UI) to be Retired on April 29, 2020 (Support Materials Included)
	CSMS #42354700 - USDA APHIS Allows Copies of Veterinary Health Certificate in ACE-DIS due to COVID-19
	CSMS #42355785 - Processing International Donations for COVID-19 Response – email correction
	CSMS #42355735 - Updated Guidance for Chapter 98 - Section 232 Imports of Steel and Aluminum
	CSMS #42355914 - GUIDANCE: Section 301 China – Extension of Certain Product Exclusions Covered under Tranche 1 - \$34B –Action (9903.88.07)
	CSMS #42355735 - CORRECTED: Updated Guidance for Chapter 98 - Section 232 Imports of Steel and Aluminum
04-14-20	CSMS #42364745 - Information on New COVID-19 Relief Imports Web Portal
	CSMS #42364764 - ACE Biweekly Trade Call – Recurring WebEx Link
	CSMS #42367195 - Update to FWS Message Set Samples
04-15-20	CSMS #42381354 - Food and Drug Administration (FDA) System Scheduled Down Time: April 25, 11PM to Sunday, April 26, 2AM EDT
04-16-20	CSMS #42394155 - Starting Sunday April 19, 2020, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Entries with Disclaim B will be REJECTED
	CSMS #42395656 - Update to the PGA Data Corrections CATAIR Document
04-19-20	CSMS #42423171 - COVID-19 – 90 Day Postponement of Payment for the Deposit of Certain Estimated Duties, Taxes, and Fees
	CSMS #42421561 - COVID-19 – Payment Instructions for 90-Day Postponement of Payment for the Deposit of Certain Estimated Duties, Taxes, and Fees
04-20-20	CSMS #42427538 - Initiation of AD and CVD Investigations: Certain Non-Refillable Steel Cylinders from China
	CSMS #42429822 - US-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) Interim Implementation Instructions
	CSMS #42431003 - U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) : Argentina Beef Export Certificate Hard Reject beginning 5/18/2020
	CSMS #42433848 - ACE Statements changes available for CERT testing
04-21-20	CSMS #42439611 - CBP processes for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Exemptions from the Temporary Final Rule (TFR) Published in the Federal Register on April 10, 2020.
	CSMS #42440277 - The ACE CATAIR Entry Summary Status Notification UC Document has been Updated and Posted
	CSMS #42445519 - Korea Steel Export Certificates

Date	CSMS# and Title
	CSMS #42448725 - Information for Filing Personal Protective Equipment and Medical Devices During COVID-19
04-22-20	CSMS #42455486 - Updated Cargo Release Status Notification Implementation Guide Now Available on CBP.gov
	CSMS #42457318 - Important Information about APHIS Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Import Permits
	CSMS #42459562 - Food and Drug Administration (FDA) New Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) Product Code
	CSMS #42459926 - CBP.gov Frequently Asked Questions for 90 Day Postponement of Payment for the Deposit of Certain Estimated Duties, Taxes, and Fees
	CSMS #42461277 - Initiation of AD/CVD Investigations: Mattresses from multiple countries
04-23-20	CSMS #42470243 - RESOLVED: ACE delays in EDI Message Processing
	CSMS #42469759 - Inaccurate & Incomplete ACE ABI AD/CVD Query Responses
	CSMS #42471900 - ACE Cargo Release – Error Codes 248, 249 and 250 have been turned off
	CSMS #42471410 - Information on Upcoming Deployment of ACE Truck Manifest Functionality
	CSMS #42474001 - Link Updated: ACE Cargo Release – Error Codes 248, 249 and 250 have been turned off
	CSMS #42474548 - An Updated Cargo Release Condition Codes Document is Now Available on CBP.gov
04-24-20	CSMS #42488025 - ACE Portal and EDI Processing issues
	CSMS #42488449 - RESOLVED: ACE Portal and EDI Processing issues
	CSMS #42506108 - CBP Frequently Asked Questions About PPE Exports
04-27-20	CSMS #42506108- Updated: CBP Frequently Asked Questions About PPE Exports
	CSMS #42507148 - Testing for e214 FTZ Phase 2 available in ACE Certification
	CSMS #42514396 - Bond Policy Transferred from Office of Finance to Office of Trade – NEW Mailbox Established
04-28-20	CSMS #42519531 - Harmonized System Update (HSU) 2004 created on April, 27 2020
	CSMS #42521589 - May 7 Quota opening: Large Residential Washing Machines 2020 Period 2
	CSMS #42524828 - Retirement of Legacy ACE Truck Manifest User Interface (UI) Postponed to June 22, 2020
	CSMS #42525817 - The ACE CATAIR Entry Summary Status Notification Document has been Updated
	CSMS #42525893 - Update to the PGA Flag Enforcement Table
	CSMS #42526897 - Fecha de retiro de la interfaz actual de manifiesto de camión en ACE pospuesta hasta el 22 de junio del 2020
04-30-20	CSMS #42549861 - Liquidation Bulletin Notice and ADCVD web sites are currently Unavailable
	CSMS #42551846 - RESOLVED: Liquidation Bulletin Notice and ADCVD web sites are now AVAILABLE
	CSMS #42072893 - CQ Cargo Manifest Query

Foreign Trade Zones

The following documents were published in the *Federal Register* by the Foreign Trade Zones Board:

F.R. Date	Document
04-07-20	Approval of Subzone Status; Warehouse Specialists, LLC, Council Bluffs, Iowa [S-27-2020]
04-08-20	Foreign-Trade Zone 47 – Boone County, Kentucky; Application for Subzone; Mitsubishi Electric Automotive America, Inc., Maysville, Kentucky [S-54-2020]
	Foreign-Trade Zone 277 – Western Maricopa County, Arizona; Authorization of Production Activity; Ball Metal Beverage Container Corporation (Aluminum Cans and Briquettes), Goodyear, Arizona [B-75-2019]
	Foreign-Trade Zone 32 – Miami, Florida; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; BLU Products, Inc. (Cellular Phones, Accessories, and Components), Doral, Florida [B-20-2020]
04-09-20	Reorganization of Foreign-Trade Zone 262 under Alternative Site Framework; Southaven, Mississippi [Order No. 2095]
04-14-20	Foreign-Trade Zone 61 -- San Juan, Puerto Rico; Application for Subzone; Oldach Associates, LLC, Cataño, Puerto Rico [S-59-2020]
	Foreign-Trade Zone 70 – Detroit, Michigan; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Pacific Industrial Development Corporation (Zeolites, Specialty Alumina Products, Rare Earth Powders and Aqueous Solutions), Ann Arbor, Michigan [B-21-2020]
04-15-20	Foreign-Trade Zone 65 – Panama City, Florida; Authorization of Production Activity; Oceaneering International, Inc. (Sub-Sea Distribution Parts and Systems), Panama City, Florida [B-77-2019]
04-16-20	Approval of Subzone Status; Waters Technologies Corporation; Milford, Massachusetts [S-32-2020]
	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 27—Boston, Massachusetts; Authorization of Production Activity; Waters Technologies Corporation (Chromatography Tubing Assemblies), Milford, Massachusetts [B-76-2019]
04-17-20	Approval of Subzone Expansion, Winnebago Industries, Inc., Forest City and Charles City, Iowa [S-28-2020]
04-24-20	Foreign-Trade Zone 84 – Houston, Texas, Authorization of Production Activity, Mitsubishi Caterpillar Forklift America, Inc. (Forklift/Work Trucks and Related Subassemblies/Kits), Houston, Texas [B-01-2020]
04-28-20	Foreign-Trade Zone 7—Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, Notification of Proposed Production Activity, Lilly del Caribe, Inc. (Pharmaceutical Products), Carolina, Puerto Rico [B-23-2020]
	Foreign-Trade Zone 139—Sierra Vista, Nevada, Application for Reorganization (Expansion of Service Area), Under Alternative Site Framework [B-22-2020]

EXPORT CONTROLS AND SANCTIONS

Annual increase in civil monetary penalties for US Treasury, State, and Commerce Departments

The US Treasury Department’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (“OFAC”), the US State Department (“State”), and the US Commerce Department (“Commerce”) issued rules adjusting maximum civil monetary penalties (“CMPs”) under the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (“FCA”).

OFAC CMP Adjustments

Under OFAC’s [final rule](#) published on April 9, 2020, the adjusted penalties apply to CMPs that are assessed after April 9, 2020, as long as the violation occurred after November 2, 2015 (i.e., the date of the enactment of the 2015 Act). OFAC imposes CMPs pursuant to the penalty authority in five statutes: the Trading with the Enemy Act (“TWEA”), the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (“IEEPA”), the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (“FNKDA”), the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 (“AEDPA”), and the Clean Diamond Trade Act (“CDTA”). The specific OFAC penalty adjustments for each of

the statutes are as follows: [The [2016-2019 adjustments are available here](#) for reference]

Statute	Original Maximum CMP (per violation)	2020 Adjusted Maximum CMP (per violation)
TWEA	\$65,000	\$90,743
IEEPA	The greater of \$250,000 or twice the amount of the underlying transaction	The greater of \$307,922 or twice the amount of the underlying transaction
FNKDA	\$1,075,000	\$1,529,991
AEDPA	The greater of \$55,000 or twice the amount of which a financial institution was required to retain possession or control	The greater of \$81,283 or twice the amount of which a financial institution was required to retain possession or control
CDTA	\$10,000	\$13,910

In addition to updating these maximum CMP amounts, OFAC also updated the IEEPA one-half maximum CMP for non-egregious cases where a party files a voluntary self-disclosure from \$151,292 to \$ 153,961.

State CMP Adjustments

State published the CMP adjustments in a [final rule](#) on January 14, 2020, which included the CMP adjustments for the Arms Export Control Act (“AECA”), the statute under which the International Traffic in Arms Regulations are enforced. State will apply the increased CMPs to all penalties assessed on or after the effective date of the final rule, January 14, 2020, regardless of when the underlying violations occurred. The penalties assessed by State for violations of specific sections within the AECA are as follows: [The [2016-2019 adjustments are available here](#) for reference]

AECA Section	Original Maximum CMP (per violation)	2020 Adjusted Maximum CMP (per violation)
22 USC § 2778(e) (control of exports and imports)	\$500,000	\$1,183,736
22 USC § 2779a(c) (prohibition on incentive payments)	\$500,000	The greater of \$860,683 or five times the amount of the prohibited payment
22 USC § 2780(k) (transactions with countries supporting acts of international terrorism)	\$500,000	\$1,024,457

Commerce CMP Adjustments

Finally, Commerce also adjusted a number of CMPs in a [final rule](#) issued on January 3, 2020, which went into effect on January 15, 2020. CMPs for violations of the Export Control Reform Act of 2018, the statute under which the Export Administration Regulations are enforced, was adjusted from \$300,000 to \$305,292 per violation or twice the value of the transaction.

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NRC suspends General License authority to export byproducts material to Pakistan

On April 21, 2020, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published in the *Federal Register* an [Order](#) [Docket No. EA-20-044; NRC–2020–0095] suspending the general license authority under NRC regulations for exports of byproduct material to Pakistan. Exporters are no longer authorized to use the general license to export byproduct material to Pakistan and now must apply for a specific license in accordance with 10 C.F.R. 110.31. The Order takes effect immediately.

FEMA announces additional exemptions to restrictions on exports of personal protective equipment from the United States

On April 17, 2020, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) filed a [notification of exemptions](#) (the “FEMA Notification”) in the Public Inspection List that identifies 10 exemptions from the [temporary final rule](#) published on April 10, 2020 (the “FEMA Rule”), which restricts the export from the United States of certain personal protective equipment (“PPE Products”) used in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Although the FEMA Notification [Docket ID FEMA–2020–0018] was not published in the *Federal Register* until Tuesday, [April 21, 2020](#), it became effective on April 17.

By way of brief background, the FEMA Rule, which is described in our prior blog post [here](#), imposed export restrictions on PPE Products pursuant to a [Presidential Memorandum](#) dated April 3, 2020, which is described in our blog post [here](#). The FEMA Rule directed US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to detain any shipments of the relevant PPE Products pending FEMA’s determination whether to return such shipments for domestic use, issue a rated order for the products, or allow the export of part of all of the shipment. On April 9, 2020, CBP issued internal guidance (available [here](#) as of April 18, 2020 and described in our blog post [here](#)) that listed a number of exclusions to the FEMA Rule. As clarified by CBP in recent days, the guidance was not meant to become public, and the criteria for exclusions were then still under discussion, with public guidance forthcoming from FEMA. The FEMA Notification is the public version of the guidance prepared by FEMA and CBP.

Which Shipments Are Exempt From the FEMA Rule?

As described in our [blog post](#), the FEMA Rule contained only one narrow exemption, which was for shipments by or on behalf of US manufacturers with continuous export agreements with foreign customers since at least January 1, 2020 and a track record of distributing at least 80% of their supply of the PPE Products, on a per item basis, in the United States during the preceding 12 months. That said, the FEMA Rule contemplated that FEMA may, in its discretion, establish additional exemptions. The exemptions set out in the FEMA Rule and the FEMA Notification (together, the “Exemptions”) differ in several respects from the exclusions set out in the internal CBP guidance. Exporters should rely on the Exemptions in the FEMA Notification rather than the exclusions in the CBP internal guidance.

The additional Exemptions under the FEMA Notification are as follows:

1. Shipments to US commonwealths and territories, including Guam, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (including minor outlying islands)

2. Exports by non-profit or non-governmental organizations that are solely for donation to foreign charities or governments for free distribution (not sale) at their destination(s)
3. Intracompany transfers by US companies from domestic facilities to company-owned or affiliated foreign facilities
4. Exports of materials solely for assembly in medical kits and diagnostic testing kits destined for US sale and delivery
5. Sealed, sterile medical kits and diagnostic testing kits where only a portion of the kit is made up of one or more PPE Products that cannot be easily removed without damaging the kits
6. Declared diplomatic shipments from foreign embassies and consulates to their home countries, shipped from and consigned to foreign governments
7. Shipments to overseas US military addresses, foreign service posts (e.g., diplomatic post offices,) and embassies
8. In-transit merchandise such as shipments in transit through the United States with a foreign shipper and consignee and shipments temporarily entered into a warehouse or temporarily admitted to a foreign trade zone
9. Shipments for which the final destination is Canada or Mexico
10. Shipments by or on behalf of the US federal government, including its military

The FEMA Notification includes additional detail about which types of shipments are eligible for each Exemption.

Will Shipments that Qualify for an Exemption Be Detained by CBP?

The FEMA Notification does not specify how the Exemptions will be applied. In the absence of further guidance, we assume that CBP would still temporarily detain shipments of PPE Products at the US border pending FEMA's determination. FEMA will make a determination based on the applicable Exemptions and the "totality of circumstances" described in the FEMA Rule, including letters of attestation submitted by exporters to CBP for certain Exemptions.

Which Documentation Should Exporters Submit to Claim an Exemption?

The FEMA Notification provides that exporters should submit a letter of attestation to FEMA via CBP's document imaging system for exemptions 2, 3, 4, 8, and 9, certifying to FEMA the purpose of the shipment. The letter should be submitted to CBP with other documentation relating to each shipment and should contain:

- a description of which Exemption(s) the exporter is claiming;
- details regarding the shipment sufficient for CBP and FEMA officials to determine whether the shipment falls under the claimed Exemption(s); and
- a statement that the provided information is true and accurate to the best of the exporter's knowledge, and that the exporter is aware that false information is subject to prosecution under the Defense Production Act.

Exporters interested in a template letter of attestation to satisfy an Exemption should reach out to their usual contacts in Baker McKenzie's trade compliance group.

What Should Exporters Expect?

Although the FEMA Rule and the FEMA Notification set out a number of exemptions, exporters of PPE Products will likely continue to encounter delays at ports

across the country, pending determinations by FEMA. The FEMA Rule does not mandate a specific time for FEMA to decide whether a particular export will be permitted, and it is not clear whether, when, or how exporters will be notified of the status of their shipment. Exporters that believe their shipment may be covered by an Exemption should provide letters of attestation and related transactional documents containing all relevant information through CBP as requested by FEMA to facilitate the process.

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FEMA Implements Export Restrictions on Certain PPE Products, with Immediate Effect

On Tuesday, April 7, 2020, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) filed a [temporary final rule](#) (“Rule”) in the Public Inspection issue of the *Federal Register* [published April 10, in the *Federal Register*] to establish export restrictions on certain types of personal protective equipment products (“PPE Products”) used in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Rule implemented the order via Presidential Memorandum (“[Order](#)”) dated April 3, 2020, in which the President directed the US Department of Homeland Security, of which FEMA is a part, to take action under the Defense Production Act (“DPA”) to prevent diversion of the needed materials overseas (see our blog post on that development [here](#)).

Is the Rule Effective Now?

Yes. Although the rule was not published in the *Federal Register* until Friday, April 10, it became effectively immediately upon filing in the Public Inspection issue. The Rule will remain in effect for 120 days from its publication, i.e., until August 8, 2020.

Which PPE Products are Subject to the Rule?

The PPE Products covered by the Rule are the same as those addressed in the Order. They are 5 of the 15 categories of materials that had been identified as “scarce or threatened materials” by the US Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”) in a [notice](#) issued on March 25, 2020. Specifically, the PPE Products are:

- N-95 Filtering Facepiece Respirators, including devices that are disposable half-face-piece non-powered air-purifying particulate respirators intended for use to cover the nose and mouth of the wearer to help reduce wearer exposure to pathogenic biological airborne particulates;
- Other Filtering Facepiece Respirators (e.g., those designated as N99, N100, R95, R99, R100, or P95, P99, P100), including single-use, disposable half-mask respiratory protective devices that cover the user’s airway (nose and mouth) and offer protection from particulate materials at an N95 filtration efficiency level per 42 CFR § 84.181;
- Elastomeric, air-purifying respirators and appropriate particulate filters/cartridges;
- PPE surgical masks, including masks that cover the user’s nose and mouth and provide a physical barrier to fluids and particulate materials; and
- PPE gloves or surgical gloves, including those defined at 21 CFR § 880.6250 (exam gloves) and § 878.4460 (surgical gloves).

As noted in our previous blog post, the Order (and thus the Rule) does not include the other materials that HHS has identified as “scarce or threatened materials,” which could be targeted in future actions. That includes, among other

things, drug products with the active ingredient chloroquine or hydroxychloroquine HC1; ventilators and related materials; certain sterilization services; certain sanitizing and disinfecting products; and medical gowns or apparel.

Is the Export of the PPE Products Now Prohibited?

Not necessarily, but all shipments of the PPE Products will be temporarily detained by US Customs and Border Protection so that FEMA can determine whether to: (1) return the shipment for domestic use (i.e., prohibit the export); (2) issue a rated order under the DPA (i.e., FEMA would place an order to purchase the products itself, and the seller would be required to prioritize FEMA's order); or (3) allow the export of part or all of the shipment.

In reaching a determination about a particular shipment, the Rule states that FEMA will consider the totality of the circumstances, including the following factors:

1. the need to ensure that scarce or threatened items are appropriately allocated for domestic use;
2. minimization of disruption to the supply chain, both domestically and abroad;
3. the circumstances surrounding the distribution of the materials and any potential hoarding or price-gouging concerns;
4. the quantity and quality of the materials;
5. humanitarian considerations; and
6. international relations and diplomatic considerations.

Who Must Comply With the Rule?

Anyone involved in an export of PPE Products from the United States must comply with the Rule. This includes manufacturers, brokers, distributors, exporters, and shippers.

Is There Grandfathering of Preexisting Contracts?

There is a narrow exemption for shipments by or on behalf of US manufacturers with continuous export agreements with customers in other countries since at least January 1, 2020. However, this exemption only applies to US manufacturers with a track record of distributing at least 80% of their supply of the PPE Products, on a per item basis, in the United States during the 12 months. The Rule notes that FEMA may develop additional guidance about this exemption, encouraging manufacturers to contact FEMA with specific information about their status under the exemption.

What are the Penalties for Violations?

Section 103 of the DPA provides for monetary penalties of up to \$10,000 and/or imprisonment for no more than one year. In addition, under 18 U.S.C. § 554, anyone who fraudulently or knowingly exports anything from the United States contrary to US law, or who facilitates such a transaction, can face fines and/or up to 10 years' imprisonment.

The US Government may issue further guidance about these DPA developments in the coming days. Baker McKenzie is actively monitoring any further guidance or development on these issues. [A [technical correction](#) to the filing date was published in the April 23 *Federal Register*.]

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CBP issues additional guidance on implementation of restrictions on exports of personal protective equipment from the United States and related exemptions

On April 21, US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued guidance via a bulletin in its Cargo Systems Messaging Service (available [here](#)) (“Bulletin”) on the new [temporary final rule](#) published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) imposing export restrictions on certain personal protective equipment products (“PPE Products”) used in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Bulletin details CBP’s implementation of the PPE export restrictions and its process for determining whether an export may be covered by an exemption.

The FEMA Rule and Exemptions

By way of background, on April 10, 2020, FEMA published a temporary final rule (“FEMA rule”), which is described in our prior blog post [here](#), directing CBP to detain temporarily any shipments of PPE Products pending FEMA’s determination whether to return such shipments for domestic use, issue a rated order for the products, or allow the export of part or all of the shipment. The FEMA Rule contained only one exemption, which was for shipments by or on behalf of US manufacturers with continuous export agreements with non-US customers since at least January 1, 2020 and a track record of distributing at least 80% of their supply of PPE Products, on a per item basis, in the United States during the preceding 12 months (the “First FEMA Exemption”).

On April 21, 2020, FEMA published a [notification of exemptions](#) (the “FEMA Notification”) in the Federal Register that identified 10 additional numbered exemptions to the FEMA Rule, which are summarized in our blog post [here](#). The FEMA Notification provided that for several of these exemptions exporters should submit a letter of attestation to FEMA certifying the purpose of the shipment. Exporters interested in a template letter of attestation to satisfy an exemption should reach out to their usual contacts in Baker McKenzie’s trade compliance group.

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The Bulletin clarifies how these exemptions will be applied and provides technical guidance on submitting documentation to claim an exemption. Highlights include:

- FEMA and CBP are working to establish a process to identify manufacturers that qualify for the First FEMA Exemption.
- Regarding exemption 9 (*i.e.*, Canada and Mexico shipments), the letter of attestation must state that the covered materials are for use in Canada/Mexico, and will not be transhipped through those countries.
- Regarding exemption 8 (*i.e.*, in-transit merchandise), CBP clarified that the exemption largely applies to goods temporarily entered into a bonded warehouse or Foreign Trade Zone with the intent to leave the United States.

In order to avoid detention of shipments, letters should be uploaded in CBP’s document imaging system (DIS) at the same time as the Electronic Export Infor-

mation is transmitted in the Automated Export System. The Bulletin also contains further technical information regarding submissions to the DIS and CBP contact information.

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Treasury publishes list of countries requiring cooperation with an international boycott

On April 9, 2020, the Department of the Treasury published in the *Federal Register* a [current list](#) of countries which require or may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the *Internal Revenue Code of 1986*).

On the basis of the best information currently available to Treasury, the following countries require or may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott: Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

OFAC re-issues and narrows PdVSA-related General License and authorizes wind-down transactions

On April 21, 2020, the US Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) amended General License ("GL") 8E and re-issued it as [General License No. 8F](#). GL 8F extends the validity period of certain maintenance activities involving Petróleos de Venezuela S.A. ("PdVSA") until December 1, 2020, but also narrows the scope of the prior license and provides a new authorization for "wind-down" transactions and activities. Our blog posts describing previous amendments to the general license are available [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#). Read the rest of this article by [Nicholas F. Coward](#), [Meghan Hamilton](#) and [Daniel Andreeff](#) on our [Sanctions Blog](#)

OFAC amends North Korea Sanctions Regulations

On April 10, 2020, the US Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued a [rule](#) amending the *North Korea Sanctions Regulations* ("NKSР"). The NKSР amendments implement certain provisions of the *North Korea Sanctions and Policy Enhancement Act of 2016* ("NKSPEA"), as amended by the *Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act* ("CAATSA"), and the *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020* ("2020 NDAA"). Our prior blog post on NKSPEA can be found [here](#) and our prior blog post on CAATSA can be found [here](#).

The amendments make the following key changes to the NKSР:

- Implementation of US Secondary Sanctions Mandated by US Congress:** Adds in § 510.201 a long list of North-Korea-related activities for which parties may be subject to US secondary sanctions pursuant to NKSPEA, CAATSA and/or 2020 NDAA, including non-US parties that directly or indirectly maintain a correspondent account with any North Korean financial institution except as specifically approved by the UN Security Council, and non-US parties that directly or indirectly import, export, or reexport luxury goods to or into North Korea;
- Restrictions on Correspondent Account – Potential Sanction:** Authorizes in § 510.210 new bases for restrictions to be imposed on opening or maintaining US correspondent or payable-through accounts by non-US financial institutions that are determined to have provided significant financial services to persons designated under North Korea sanctions;

- **Prohibition for Non-US Subsidiaries of US Financial Institutions:** Prohibits in § 510.214 non-US entities that are owned or controlled by US financial institutions from knowingly engaging in any transaction, directly or indirectly, with the Government of North Korea or any person designated under North Korea sanctions, which directly applies US sanctions to such non-US subsidiaries that are not otherwise subject to US sanctions jurisdiction under the NKSR and is similar to Iran-related prohibitions for non-US subsidiaries of US banks imposed in February 2012 under [§ 561.202 of the Iranian Financial Sanctions Regulations](#);
- **Revised Definition of “Significant Transactions:”** Revises the interpretive provision at § 510.413 related to factors considered when determining whether a transaction is “significant” to, among other things, add “financial services” to targeted transactions, and specifically include the following example of impacts on US sanctions program objectives: “Whether and how the activity or activities, transaction(s), or financial service(s) contribute(s) to North Korea’s nuclear and ballistic missile programs, commission of serious human rights abuses, use of funds generated through international trade to support its nuclear and missile programs and weapons proliferation, money laundering and other illicit activities, procurement of luxury goods, human rights violations, and violations of United Nations Security Council Resolutions;” and
- **Revised Definition of “Luxury Goods:”** Revises the definition of “luxury goods” at § 510.317 to include items so designated by the UN Security Council (in addition to the definition of that term from the Export Administration Regulations, in [§ 746.4\(b\)\(1\)](#) and [Supplement No. 1 to Part 746](#)) and to clarify that items specifically approved by the UN Security Council for import, export, or reexport to or into North Korea are not included in this definition.

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OFAC extends expiration date of general license related to Nynas AB as part of proposed restructuring

On April 3, 2020, the US Treasury Department’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (“OFAC”) re-issued and extended [General License No. 13E](#) (“GL 13E”) to continue the validity period for transactions concerning Nynas AB and its subsidiaries (“Nynas”) that otherwise would be prohibited under Executive Order 13850 or Executive Order 13884 given Nynas’s 50% indirect ownership by Petr6leos de Venezuela S.A. (“PdVSA”). The authorization was extended through 12:01 am EST on May 14, 2020.

In a [note](#) accompanying GL 13E’s issuance OFAC explained it was in discussions with Nynas regarding a proposed corporate restructuring that could potentially result in “significant changes to Nynas AB’s ownership and control,” and that the one-month extension period was to allow for the completion of these discussions. As outlined in our previous blog post available [here](#), OFAC had previously re-issued the Nynas-related general license for six months, i.e., through April 14, 2020.

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Commerce tightens restrictions on technology exports to countries of concern, in particular China, Russia, and Venezuela

On April 28, 2020, the Department of Commerce’s Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published two new final rules and a proposed rule in the Federal Register amending the Export Administration Regulations (“EAR”) to tighten restrictions on exports of technology to China, Russia, and Venezuela. According to Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, these actions are intended to combat efforts by entities in China, Russia, and Venezuela to use certain US technologies

obtained through civilian supply chains or under civilian-use pretenses to develop weapons, military aircraft, and surveillance technology contrary to US national security interests.

As a result of these rules, a universe of transactions involving widely commercially available US technologies that require BIS licenses could dramatically increase, particularly for China — with the licensing policy of the presumption of denial making such licenses difficult to obtain. These rules are part of a broader wave of recent regulatory measures aimed to strengthen the US Government's restrictions on, as well as visibility into, technology transfers to China and other countries of concern to protect US national security and foreign policy interests.

As described further below, the rules:

1. [amend](#) the EAR to expand license requirements on exports, reexports, and transfers (in-country) of items intended for military end-use or military end-users in China, Russia, or Venezuela;
2. [propose](#) to modify License Exception Additional Permissive Reexports (“APR”) to remove provisions authorizing certain reexports of national security-controlled items; and
3. [remove](#) License Exception Civil End Users (“CIV”) for national security-controlled items on the Commerce Control List (“CCL”) to countries of national security concern.

Read the details in our [Sanctions blog article](#) by [Sylwia A. Lis](#), [Lise S. Test](#) and [Maria Sergeyeva](#).

BIS and State publish notices of court order related to USML

On April 2, 2020, the Bureau of Industry and Security published in the *Federal Register* a [notification of a court order](#) to alert the public of the BIS's interim measures with respect to a court order issued on March 6, 2020. On March 6, 2020, the US District Court (WD Wash.) issued an order enjoining the US Department of State from implementing or enforcing the regulation entitled *International Traffic In Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III*, 85 FR 3819 (Jan. 23, 2020) “insofar as it alters the status quo restrictions on technical data and software directly related to the production of firearms or firearm parts using a 3D-printer or similar equipment.” (Case No. 2:20–cv–00111– RAJ). The Commerce and State final rules were to be effective March 9, 2020.

As a result, any request for licenses of items that would otherwise fall under the US Department of Commerce regulation, 15 CFR 732.2(b) and 734.7(c) (added by the final rule, entitled, *Control of Firearms, Guns, Ammunition and Related Articles the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List* (USML); 85 FR 4136, Jan. 23, 2020), should instead be directed to the US Department of State.

On the same date, the Department of State published in the *Federal Register* a companion [notification of preliminary injunction](#) [Public Note: 11078], which indicated that State is complying with the terms of the order. All persons engaged in manufacturing, exporting, temporarily importing, brokering, or furnishing defense services related to “technical data and software directly related to the production of firearms or firearm parts using a 3D-printer or similar equipment” must continue to treat such technical data and software as subject to control on the USML. All other items addressed in the final rules were transferred from the jurisdiction of the State Department and the USML to the Department of Commerce and the

Commerce Control List (CCL) on March 9, 2020. Any further guidance and updates regarding the subject litigation will be posted on the DDTC website (<https://pmdtc.state.gov>) on an ongoing basis.

State Department issues measures to mitigate impact of Covid-19

On April 23, 2020, the US State Department's Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) announced certain [measures](#) intended to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and key measures are summarized in our [Sanctions Blog article](#) by [Bart M. McMillan](#) and [Eunkyung Kim Shin](#).

State Department issues proposed framework for a peaceful democratic transition in Venezuela

On March 31, 2020, the US Government issued a [proposed framework](#) for a peaceful democratic transition in Venezuela. The framework outlines 13 steps for a restructured Government of Venezuela ("GOV") that, if followed, would lead to the lifting of US sanctions on the GOV, Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. ("PdVSA"), and other GOV officials and agencies.

The framework provides a total of 13 actions, including, among others:

- a full return of, and restoration of all powers to, the National Assembly;
- release of political prisoners;
- immediate departure of all foreign security forces unless authorized by a 3/4 vote of the National Assembly;
- the election of a new National Electoral Counsel ("CNE") and Supreme Court ("TSJ") (upon which, the US would lift sanctions imposed on former CNE and TSJ members);
- the approval by the National Assembly of a "Council of State" Law, which would create a Council of State that would act as the GOV's executive branch;
- a vesting of the powers of the President to the Council of State (upon which, both the US and EU would lift sanctions on those who claimed Presidential authorities); and
- once the Council of State is established and the foreign security forces have departed, the US would suspend sanctions on the GOV, PdVSA, and the Venezuelan oil sector.

A related [statement](#) by the US State Department explains that the framework calls for the establishment of a broadly acceptable transitional government to administer free and fair presidential elections and a transition from the Maduro regime to a GOV headed by Juan Guaido. The statement provides that the need for transition is more important than ever given the ongoing COVID-19 crisis and the GOV's failure to adequately respond, and reiterates that unless and until the Maduro regime accepts a genuine political transition, US sanctions will remain in effect, and increase. This statement is consistent with the US Government's recent hardline approach to sanctioning non-US entities that continue to do business with the GOV and, in particular, the Venezuelan oil sector. You can read about the most recent designation of such entities in our recent [blog post](#).

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Restrictive measures and additions to OFAC, State BIS blocking orders, designations, sanctions and entity lists

During the past month, the following notices adding, removing or continuing persons (including entities) to/from restrictive measures lists were published in the *Federal Register* by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) or by the State Department (State) or the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS):

F.R. Date	Applicable orders
04-01-20	OFAC: Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions (N) [13 individuals, 124 entities, 248 transferred from other lists]
04-14-20	STATE: Designation of Russian Imperial Movement as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist [Public Notice: 11088] (N)
	STATE: Designation of Denis Valiullovič Gariyev as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist [Public Notice: 11090] (N)
	STATE: Designation of Nikolay Nikolayevich Trushchalov as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist [Public Notice 11091] (N)
	STATE: Designation of Stanislav Anatolyevich Vorobyev as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist [Public Notice: 11089] (N)
04-27-20	OFAC: Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions (N) [4 individuals, 6 entities]
	OFAC: Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions (N) [5 individuals,; 1 vessel]

OTHER COVERAGE

Treasury, Commerce, Homeland Security and State meetings and notices related to trade

AGENCIES: BIS = BUREAU OF INDUSTRY AND SECURITY; FINCEN = FINANCIAL CRIMES ENFORCEMENT NETWORK; ITA: INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION; NIST- NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY; OFAC= OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL; DHS= HOMELAND SECURITY; STATE=DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

[Note: Only meetings which occur after scheduled distribution of this Update are listed.]

F.R. Date	Subject
04-06-20	BIS: Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Five-Year Records Retention Requirement for Export Transactions and Boycott Actions (N)
04-09-20	OFAC: Inflation Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties [31 CFR Parts 501, 510, 535, 536, 539, 541, 542, 544, 546, 547, 548, 549, 560, 561, 566, 576, 583, 584, 588, 592, 594, 597, and 598] (FR)
04-10-20	ITA: Notice of Amendments to the Security Mission for Economic Prosperity in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras (N)
04-14-20	ITA: Meeting of the Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee; Notice of a Partially Closed Federal Advisory Committee Meeting (N/H) [July 23, 2020]
	STATE: Defense Trade Advisory Group; Notice of Open Meeting [Public Notice: 11086] (N/H) [May 14, 2020]
04-16-20	DHS: Homeland Security Advisory Council; Meeting [Docket No. DHS-2020-0006] (N/H) [May 7, 2020]
04-21-20	ITA: Meeting of the Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee; Notice of a Partially Closed Federal Advisory Committee Meeting (N/H) [May 21, 2020] Cancellation of April 23 meeting
04-22-20	STATE: Notice of Charter Renewal for the Cultural Property Advisory Committee [Public Notice 11098] (N)
	STATE: Notice of Renewal of the Advisory Committee on International Law Charter [Public Notice: 11097] (N)
04-24-20	BIS: Emerging Technology Technical Advisory Committee (N/H) [May 19, 2020]
04-27-20	BIS: Transportation and Related Equipment Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting (N/H) [May 13, 2020]
	DHS: Minimum Standards for Driver's Licenses and Identification Cards Acceptable by Federal Agencies for Official Purposes (FR)

F.R. Date	Subject
	FINCEN: Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request; Multiple Financial Crimes Enforcement Network Information Collection Requests
04-29-20	OFFICE OF INVESTMENT SECURITY: Filing Fees for Notices of Certain Investments in the United States by Foreign Persons and Certain Transactions by Foreign Persons Involving Real Estate in the United States (IR/RFC)
04-30-20	STATE: Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs: Annual Certification of Shrimp-Harvesting Nations [Public Notice: 11102] (N)

FTC and CPSC Federal Register documents

The following Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) documents which may be of interest to importers were published *Federal Register* during the past month:

F.R. Date	Subject
04-01-20	CPSC: Revisions to Safety Standard for Children's Folding Chairs and Stools [Docket No. CPSC-2015-0029] (FR)
04-03-20	CPSC: Safety Standard for Crib Bumpers/Liners [CPSC Docket No. 2020-0010] (PR)
04-08-20	FTC: Guides Concerning the Use of Endorsements and Testimonials in Advertising: Extension of Comment Period (E)
04-10-20	FTC: Energy Labeling Rule (PR)
04-20-20	CPSC: Revisions to Safety Standard for Sling Carriers [Docket No. CPSC-2014-0018] (FR)

TTB announcements and Federal Register documents

The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) has posted the following information or regulatory actions of interest to international traders :

Date	Subject
03-20-20	TTB G 2020-3 – Tips for Timely Processing of TTB Approvals and Requests During COVID-19 Emergency
03-31-20	TTB IC 2020-2 – Tax Payment and Other Filing Due Dates Postponed for Industry Members Affected by COVID-19
04-02-20	TTB: Modernization of the Labeling and Advertising Regulations for Wine, Distilled Spirits, and Malt Beverages [Docket No. TTB-2018-0007; T.D. TTB-158; Ref: Notice Nos. 176 and 176A] (FR)
04-13-20	TTB: Modernization of the Labeling and Advertising Regulations for Wine, Distilled Spirits, and Malt Beverages [Docket No. TTB-2018-0007; T.D. TTB-158; Ref: Notice Nos. 176 and 176A] (C)
04-20-20	TTB: Due to CARES Act, extensions granted through December 31, 2020 to TTB G 2020-1A, Production of Hand Sanitizer to Address the COVID 19 Pandemic .

CDC extends Order prohibiting introduction of certain persons

On April 22, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) announcing an extension of an Order issued March 20, 2020, under Sections 362 and 365 of the *Public Health Service Act*, and associated implementing regulations, that suspends the introduction of certain persons from countries where an outbreak of a communicable disease exists. The Order was issued on April 20, 2020 and shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. EDT on May 20, 2020. This Order may be amended or rescinded prior to that time at the discretion of the Director. The Order may be [found here](#).

FDA, CDC and HHS Federal Register documents

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or other units of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) have posted the following *Federal Register* guides, notices or documents which may be of interest to international traders:

F.R. Date	Subject
04-15-20	CDC: No Sail Order and Suspension of Further Embarkation; Notice of Modification and Extension and Other Measures Related to Operations
04-16-20	FDA: Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Establishing and Maintaining a List of U.S. Manufacturers/Processors of Feed Additives, Premixes, Compound Feed, Distillers' Dried Grains, and Distillers' Dried Grains With Solubles for Use With Animals With Interest in Exporting to The People's Republic of China [Docket No. FDA-2020-N-1207] (N)
04-20-20	FDA: Food Standards; General Principles and Food Standards Modernization; Extension of Comment Period [Docket No. FDA-1995-N-0062] (PR/E)
04-24-20	FDA: Canned Pacific Salmon Deviating From Identity Standard; Amendment of Temporary Marketing Permit [Docket No. FDA-1987-P-0074] (N)
04-27-20	CDC: Notice of Change in Reporting Requirements for The Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act (FCLAA) and Comprehensive Smokeless Tobacco Health Education Act (CSTHEA)
04-29-20	FDA: Modernizing the Food and Drug Administration's Data Strategy; Public Meeting; Extension of Comment Period [Docket No. FDA-2019-N-5799] (N/E)
04-30-20	FDA: Temporary Policy Regarding Accredited Third-Party Certification Program Onsite Observation and Certificate Duration Requirements During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency; Guidance for Industry; Availability [Docket No. FDA-2020-D-1304] (N)
	FDA: Enforcement Priorities for Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Other Deemed Products on the Market Without Premarket Authorization (Revised); Guidance for Industry; Availability [Docket No. FDA-2019-D-0661] (N)
	FDA: Extension of Certain Tobacco Product Compliance Deadlines Related to the Final Deeming Rule; Withdrawal of Guidance [Docket No. FDA-2017-D-2834] (N/W)

APHIS and other USDA notices issued

During the past month, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and other US Department of Agriculture (USDA) agencies issued the following *Federal Register* notices during the past month which may be of interest to international traders. [USDA=Office of the Secretary, FAS=Foreign Agricultural Service, AMS=Agricultural Marketing Service, FSIS=Food Safety Inspection Service]:

F.R. Date	Subject
04-01-20	APHIS: Notice of Proposed Revision to Import Requirements for the Importation of Fresh Citrus From South Africa Into the United States [Docket No. APHIS-2018-0091] (N)
04-03-20	USDA: Fiscal Year 2020 Tariff-Rate Quotas Increased for Raw Cane Sugar and Refined Sugar
04-10-20	US CODEX OFFICE: Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (N/H/RFC)
04-15-20	APHIS: Decision to Authorize the Importation of Fresh Citrus From China Into the Continental United States [Docket No. APHIS-2014-0005] (N)
04-16-20	AMS: 2020/2021 Rates Charged for AMS Services [Document No. AMS-LRRS-20-0033] (N)
	APHIS: Decision To Authorize the Importation of Fresh Sand Pears From Japan Into the United States [Docket No. APHIS-2019-0057] (N)
04-17-20	APHIS: Addition of Indonesia to the List of Regions Affected With African Swine Fever [Docket No. APHIS-2020-0013] (N)

Additional Federal Register documents

The following [Federal Register](#) documents which may be of interest to international traders were published during the past month by various Federal agencies:

F.R. Date	Subject
04-01-20	GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA): Office of Acquisition Policy: Establishment of Online Portal for GSA Guidance Documents [Notice–MV–2020–01; Docket No. 2020– 0002; Sequence No. 14] (N)
04-02-20	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA): Inventory of Mercury Supply, Use, and Trade in the United States 2020 Report; Notice of Availability [EPA–HQ–OPPT–2017–0127; FRL–10006– 34] (N)
04-07-20	DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA): Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of 4,4'-DMAR in Schedule I [Docket No. DEA–498] (PR)
	DEA: Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Lemborexant in Schedule IV [Docket No. DEA–600] (IFR/RFC)
	NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (NHTSA): Denial of Petition for Reconsideration; Temporary Exemption From Motor Vehicle Safety and Bumper Standards [Docket No. NHTSA–2018–0103] (N)
04-09-20	NHTSA: Denial of Motor Vehicle Defect Petition, DP13-001 [Docket No. NHTSA-2018-0020] (N)
04-10-20	ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD: Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines for Transportation Vehicles: Rail Vehicles; Extension of Comment Period [Docket No. ATBCB–2020–0002] (ANPR/RFC/E)
	DEA: Schedules of Controlled Substances: Temporary Placement of Fentanyl-Related Substances in Schedule I; Correction [Docket No. DEA-597] (Correcting Amendment)
	DEA: Adjustments to Aggregate Production Quotas for Certain Schedule II Controlled Substances and Assessment of Annual Needs for the List I Chemicals Ephedrine and Pseudoephedrine for 2020, In Response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Public Health Emergency [Docket No. DEA-508A] (N/Final Order)
	TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (TSA): Air Cargo Security Options to Mitigate Costs of Compliance with International Security Requirements [Docket No. TSA-2020-0001] (RFI)
04-15-20	DEA: Designation of Benzylfentanyl and 4-Anilinopiperidine, Precursor Chemicals Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Fentanyl, as List I Chemicals [Docket No. DEA-497] (FR)
	ENERGY: Energy Conservation Program: Procedures for Use in New or Revised Energy Conservation Standards and Test Procedures for Consumer Products and Commercial/Industrial Equipment; Prioritization Process [EERE– 2020–BT–STD–0004] (RFC)
04-16-20	ENERGY: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Consumer Water Heaters and Residential-Duty Commercial Water Heaters [EERE–2019–BT–TP–0032] (RFI)
04-17-20	DEA: Control of the Immediate Precursor Norfentanyl Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Fentanyl as a Schedule II Controlled Substance [Docket No. DEA–496] (FR)
	NHTSA: Decision That Nonconforming Model Year 2014 Ferrari LaFerrari Passenger Cars Are Eligible for Importation [Docket No. NHTSA–2017–0028, Notice 2]
04-20-20	ENERGY: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Portable Air Conditioners; Correction [EERE–2014–BT–TP–0014] (FR/C):
04-21-20	EPA AND CORPS OF ENGINEERS: The Navigable Waters Protection Rule: Definition of “Waters of the United States” [EPA-HQ-OW-2018-0149; FRL-10004-88-OW] (FR)
	EPA: Banda de Lupinus Albus Doce (BLAD); Proposal to Revoke Exemption and Establish Pesticide Tolerances; Reopening of Comment Period [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0230; FRL-10007-81] (PR/RO)

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04-23-20	ENERGY: Energy Efficiency Program for Industrial Equipment: Test Procedures for Fans, Notice of Petition for Rulemaking [EERE-2020-BT-PET-0003] (RFC)
	EPA: Light-duty Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Program Technical Amendments [EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0755; FRL_10007-54-OAR] (FR)
04-24-20	EPA: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Single Package Vertical Units [EERE-2019-BT-STD-0033] (RFI)
04-28-20	US-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION (USCESRC): Notice of Open Public Hearing (N/H) [May 7, 2020]
	USCESRC: Notice of Open Public Hearing (N/H) [May 8, 2020]
04-29-20	US POSTAL SERVICE: New Mailing Standards for COVID-19 Related Category B Infectious Substances (TFR)
04-30-20	ENERGY: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Small Electric Motors [EERE-2019-BT-STD-0008] (N/RFC)
	EPA AND NHTSA: The Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule for Model Years 2021-2026 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks [NHTSA-2018-0067; EPA-HQ-OAR-2018-0283; FRL 10000-45-OAR] (FR)

ANTIDUMPING AND SUBSIDIES

Temporary change to AD/CVD conference and hearing procedures

On April 16, 2020, the US International Trade Commission (USITC) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) that, to address concerns related to COVID-19, it is temporarily waiving and amending certain of the USITC's rules that permit participants to appear in-person to give oral presentations, written witness testimony, or statements at antidumping/countervailing duty (AD/CVD) preliminary phase conferences, and final phase investigation and five-year review hearings held under Title VII of the *Tariff Act of 1930*. The temporary procedures are effective immediately and will remain until further notice.

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ARGENTINA

Boletín Oficial publications

The following Decrees, Administrative Decisions and Resolutions (Res.) which may be of interest to international traders were published in the *Boletín Oficial de la República Argentina* (Official Gazette) or the *Customs Bulletin* during the period covered by this Update [Unofficial translation].

BO Date	Subject
01-04-20	Decree 331/2020 (01-04-20) DECNU-2020-331-APN-PTE - Prohibition of Entering the National Territory Period extended.
	FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC REVENUE (AFIP) - General Resolution 4690/2020 (30-03-20) RESOG-2020-4690-E-AFIP-AFIP - Procedure. Law No. 27,541. Regularization of tax, social security and customs obligations for MiPyMES and non-profit civil entities. General Resolution No. 4,667. Its modification.
02-04-20	Decree 333/2020 (01-04-20) DCTO-2020-333-APN-PTE - Provisions. Extrazone Import Rights [0% duty for listed goods]
	AFIP: General Resolution 4692/2020 (01-04-20) RESOG-2020-4692-E-AFIP-AFIP - Procedure. Calculation of deadlines regarding tax, customs and social

BO Date	Subject
	security resources. New period of extraordinary fiscal fair. General Resolution No. 1983, its amendments, and compl. Complementary standard
07-04-20	PRODUCTIVE DEV.: Resolution 140/2020 (06-04-20) RESOL-2020-140-APN-MDP – Export of certain goods during emergency
13-04-20	AFIP: RESOG-2020-4695-E-AFIP-AFIP – (12-04-20) Procedure. Calculation of deadlines regarding tax, customs and social security resources. New period of extraordinary fiscal fair. General Resolution No. 1983, its amendments, and compl. Complementary standard.
15-04-20	AFIP: General Resolution 4696/2020 (04-14-20) - RESOG-2020-4696-E-AFIP-AFIP - Import. Value Added Tax. General Resolution No. 2,937 and its amendments. Its modification. [0% VAT for Covid-19 articles subject to Decree 333 (0% duty)] AFIP: General Resolution 4697/2020 (14-04-20) RESOG-2020-4697-E-AFIP-AFIP - Procedure. Titles, shares, quotas and social participations. Annual information regimes, registration of operations and updating of corporate authorities. RG No. 3,293. Its replacement
24-04-20	COMMON NOMENCLATURE OF MERCOSUR: Decree 405/2020 (23-04-20) DCTO-2020-405-APN-PTE - Decree No. 317/2020. Modification.
26-04-20	Decree 409/2020 DECNU-2020-409-APN-PTE - Extension. Prohibition of Entering the National Territory
29-04-20	PRODUCTIVE DEV.: Administrative Decision 579/2020 DECAD-2020-579-APN-JGM - Appointed Director of Negotiations on Trade in Goods and Rules of Origin.

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BRAZIL

Diário Oficial da União publications

The following notices, Ordinances (Portarias), Circulars and Resolutions of interest to international traders were published in the *Diário Oficial da União* (Official Gazette) during the period covered by this Update.

DOU Date	Subject
18-03-20	CAMEX Res. № 16 (02-03-20) Provides for Incoterms and establishes that in Brazilian exports and imports, any conditions of sale practiced in international trade will be accepted, as long as they are compatible with the national legal system
	CAMEX Res. № 17 (17-03-20) Grants temporary reduction of the Import Tax rate under the terms of article 50, paragraph d, of the 1980 Montevideo Treaty, internalized by Legislative Decree No. 66, of November 16, 1981, with the objective of facilitating the fight against the Corona Virus pandemic / Covid-19
19-03-20	SECEX Portaria № 16 (18-03-20) Amends Ordinance No. 19, of July 2, 2019, which provides for the issue of licenses, authorizations, certificates and other public export documents through the Single Foreign Trade Portal of the Integrated Foreign Trade System - SISCOMEX, to establish the License Special Export of Products for Combating Covid-19.
20-03-20	SECEX Portaria № 17 (19-03-20) Authorizes the application of the Exception Mechanism to the Rule of Origin in case of shortage of inputs in Argentina, Brazil and Colombia.
23-03-20	SECEX Portaria № 18 (20-03-20) Suspends the import licensing requirement for the products referred to in CAMEX Resolution nº 26, of April 29, 2015, published in the DOU of April 30, 2015, and in CAMEX Resolution nº 58, of June 19, 2015, published in DOU of June 22, 2015.

DOU Date	Subject
25-03-20	CAMEX Res. № 18 (19-03-20) Establishes the criteria for the distribution of vacancies and selection of civil society representatives in the Private Sector Consultative Council of the Chamber of Foreign Trade
26-03-20	CAMEX Res. № 22 (25-03-20) Grants temporary reduction, to zero percent, of the Import Tax rate under the terms of article 50, paragraph d, of the 1980 Montevideo Treaty, internalized by Legislative Decree No. 66, of November 16, 1981, with the objective of facilitating the fight to the Corona Virus / Covid-19 pandemic.
27-03-20	SECEX Portaria № 19 (26-03-20) Authorizes the extension of the application of the Exception Mechanism to the Rule of Origin in case of shortage of inputs in Argentina, Brazil and Colombia.
30-03-20	SECEX Portaria № 20 (27-03-20) Provides for the extension of the deadline for submitting suggestions related to the public consultation on the Draft Ordinance on the Special Customs Regime for Drawback.
31-03-20	SECEX Portaria № 21 (30-03-20) Deals with notifications and communications to interested parties in the scope of commercial defense proceedings provided for in Decrees No. 8,058, of July 26, 2013, No. 1,751, of December 19, 1995, and No. 1,488, of May 11, 1995, and in the commercial agreements in force in Brazil.
	SECEX Portaria № 22 (30-03-20) Changes the wording of the Annex to Administrative Rule SECEX № 18, of April 6, 2018.
03-04-20	CAMEX Res. № 26 (01-04-20) Amends the Lists of Non-Produced Auto Parts, contained in Annexes I and II of Resolution No. 102, of December 17, 2018, of the Chamber of Foreign Trade.
	CAMEX Res. № 27 (01-04-20) Amends the List of Non-Produced Auto Parts, contained in Annexes I and II of Resolution No. 23, of December 30, 2019, of the Executive Management Committee of the Foreign Trade Chamber
	CAMEX Res. № 28 (01-04-20) Grants temporary reduction, to zero percent, of the Import Tax rate under the terms of article 50, paragraph d, of the 1980 Montevideo Treaty, internalized by Legislative Decree No. 66, of November 16, 1981, with the objective of facilitating the combating the Corona Virus / Covid-19 pandemic.
	CAMEX Res. № 29 (01-04-20) Changes the Import Tax rates levied on the IT and Telecommunication Goods that it mentions, as Ex-Tariffs, to zero percent.
	CAMEX Res. № 30 (01-04-20) Changes the Import Tax rates levied on the Capital Goods it mentions to zero percent, as Ex-Tariffs.
08-04-20	CAMEX Res. № 31 (07-04-20) grants a temporary reduction, to zero percent, of the Import Tax rate under the terms of article 50, paragraph d, of the 1980 Montevideo Treaty, internalized by Legislative Decree No. 66, of November 16, 1981, with the objective of facilitating the combating the Corona Virus / Covid-19 pandemic.
15-04-20	SECEX Portaria № 23 (14-04-20) Authorizes the extension of the application of the Exception Mechanism to the Rule of Origin in case of shortage of inputs in Argentina, Brazil and Colombia
16-04-20	CAMEX Res. № 32 (16-04-20) grants a temporary reduction, to zero percent, of the Import Tax rate under the terms of article 50, paragraph d, of the 1980 Montevideo Treaty, internalized by Legislative Decree No. 66, of November 16, 1981, with the objective of facilitating the combating the Corona Virus / Covid-19 pandemic.
30-04-20	CAMEX Res. № 33 (29-04-20) grants a temporary reduction, to zero percent, of the Import Tax rate under the terms of article 50, paragraph d, of the 1980 Montevideo Treaty, internalized by Legislative Decree No. 66, of November 16, 1981, with the objective of facilitating the combating the Corona Virus / Covid-19 pandemic.
	CAMEX Res. № 34 (29-04-20) Amends the Single Annex to Resolution No. 17 of the Executive Management Committee of the Chamber of Foreign Trade, of March 17, 2020 [PPEs and Medical devices]

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ASIA-PACIFIC

[Please note that material pertaining to the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) and the Customs Union between Russia, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and the Kyrgyz Republic is shown under EUROPE.]

AUSTRALIA

Export of infection control items from Australia temporarily prohibited

Export from Australia of hand sanitiser, face masks and other infection control items are temporarily prohibited effective 30 March 2020.

The [Customs \(Prohibited Exports\) Amendment \(COVID-19 Human Biosecurity Emergency\) Regulations 2020](#) (Cth) (Regulation) amended the [Customs \(Prohibited Exports\) Regulations 1958](#) (Cth) to temporarily prohibit export of goods that are key to minimising the spread of the COVID-19 virus in Australia.

Under the Regulation, disposable face masks, disposable gloves, disposable gowns, goggles, glasses and eye visors, alcohol wipes and hand sanitiser all become prohibited exports from Australia.

There are exceptions that permit commercial and non-commercial exports of these goods including by:

- persons leaving Australia taking a reasonable quantity for personal use (other non-commercial exceptions apply to sending to a relative for their own use and export by a humanitarian body);
- manufacturers of the goods; and
- persons in the ordinary course of their business where they are registered under the *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999* (Cth) and have an Australian business number.

Parties looking to rely on an exception should check they satisfy all conditions. In particular, these parties should not be looking to export by post.

The prohibition under the Regulation will apply while the [Biosecurity \(Human Biosecurity Emergency\) \(Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential\) Declaration 2020](#) (Cth) (Declaration) is in force. For context, the Declaration was made by the Governor-General on 18 March 2020 under section 475 of the Biosecurity Act, and provides that a human biosecurity emergency exists in Australia.

The Declaration is in force for 3 months (unless it is extended).

Thank you Christie Wilson, Law Grad for her assistance in preparing this alert.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you would like to draw from other global resources developed by Baker McKenzie on COVID-19, please visit our [Coronavirus Resource Centre](#).

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ABF notices and advices

The following Australian Border Force (ABF) Notices and Cargo advices (ACCA) were issued during the period covered by this Update:

Date	Series and №	Title
30-03-20	ACN No. 2020/15	Export control on goods essential to controlling and preventing the spread of COVID-19
03-04-20	ACN No. 2020/16	Tablet Presses and Encapsulators – Amendments to the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956
16-04-20	ACN No. 2020/18	Extension of Origin Waiver benefit for Australian Trusted Traders [13-02-20]
29-04-20	ACN NO. 2020/20	New Concessional Item 57 and By-law No. 2019608 to Schedule 4 of the Customs Tariff Act 1995 (COVID-19)

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CHINA (INCLUDING HONG KONG SAR)

MOFCOM and GAC notices

The following Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) and General Administration of Customs (GAC) notices were posted during the period covered by this Update (mm-dd-yy):

Date	Series and №	Subject
03-13-20	Fafa № 50 Supreme People's Court, GAC and more	Opinions on Further Strengthening the Frontier Health and Quarantine Work in accordance with the Law to Punish Violations and Crimes against the Frontier Health and Quarantine
03-22-20	CCAA, MFA, NHC, GAC, Imm. № 2	All international passenger flights destined for Beijing will enter from the designated first entry point
03-31-20	MOFCOM, GAC, SDA № 5, 2020	Exportation of certain medical materials
04-01-20	GAC № 48, 2020	Preventing the Introduction of Thai African Horse Plague into China
04-02-20	GAC № 49, 2020	Hidden Spontaneous Combustion Risk of Some Imported Audi Cars
	GAC № 50, 2020	Recognition of Parts of Argentina as a Fly-Free Area
04-03-20	GAC № 51, 2020	Preventing African Swine Fever from Papua New Guinea from Introducing to China
	GAC № 52, 2020	Phytosanitary Requirements for the Export of Xinjiang Pears from China to the United States
04-07-20	CCAA, GAC № 6, 2020	Specific requirements to reduce the cross-border spread of the epidemic for certain Chinese passengers
04-09-20	GAC № 54, 2020	Subscription Service and Interface for Opening Customs Receipts
04-13-20	MOFCOM 7, 2020	Qualification Conditions and Application Procedures for Potassium Hydroxide Production Enterprises' Application for Import of Potassium Chloride in Non-state Trade
04-15-20	GAC № 55, 2020	Temporary Exemption of Tax-Deferred Interest on Domestic Sale of Processing Trade Goods
04-16-20	MOFCOM and MIIT No. 8, 2020	List of National Digital Service Export Bases

Date	Series and №	Subject
04-21-20	GAC № 57, 2020	Inspection and Quarantine Requirements for Imported Italian Rice
04-22-20	GAC № 58, 2020	Phytosanitary Requirements for Chinese Fruit Export to Kazakhstan
04-23-20	GAC № 59, 2020	Phytosanitary Requirements for the Export of Chinese Fresh Citrus to the United States
04-25-20	MOFCOM and GAC 12, 2020	Market Supervision Notice on Further Strengthening prevention materials export quality supervision
04-26-20	GAC № 60, 2020	Phytosanitary Requirements for Importing American Fresh Avocado
04-27-20	Ag. & GAC № 61, 2020	Announcement on Preventing the Introduction of Newcastle Disease from Northern Macedonia to China
04-28-20	MOFCOM and GAC 11, 2020	announced the inclusion of low-sulfur marine fuel oil in the catalogue of goods subject to export license management

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Hong Kong Trade and Industry Department (TID) notices (dd-mm-yy)

Date	Series and №	Subject
31-03-20	Notice to Exporters 1/2020	ASEAN - Hong Kong, China Free Trade Agreement (AHKFTA) - Exporting Goods Originating in Hong Kong to ASEAN - Parts relating to Hong Kong and Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam under the AHKFTA enter into force

INDIA

Compulsory registration required for additional electronics and information technology product categories

On April 1, 2020, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology published in the *Gazette of India* a [notification](#) adding 12 product categories to the *Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2012* ("the Order"). These are:

45. Standalone LED Modules for General Lighting
46. Lighting Chain (Rope Lights)
47. Keyboard
48. Induction Stove
49. Automatic Teller Cash dispensing machines
50. USB Type External Hard Disk Drive
51. Wireless Headphone and Earphone
52. USB Type External Solid State Storage Devices (above 256 GB capacity)
53. Electronic Musical System with input power below 200 Watts
54. Standalone Switch Mode Power Supplies (SMPS) with output voltage 48 V (max)
55. Television other than Plasma/ LCD/LED TVs
56. Rice Cooker

In addition, the notification clarified that multifunction devices (MFDs) are printers with additional capabilities and are covered under the category “printers/plotters” which was notified 3 October 2012..

The provisions of the Order shall apply to the added product categories on the expiry of six months from the date of publication of the notification in the official *Gazette*.

A transition period of up to three months, from the date of coming into effect of the Order for the particular product category, would be available to the representative of the foreign manufacturing unit having a liaison office or branch office located in India for affixing Standard Mark at the ports which are already having unique registration number from the Bureau for clearance of goods from customs.

For all the product categories mentioned in the Schedule to the Order, the latest standards as published and notified by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) from time to time would apply on expiry of six months from the date of notification of such standards by BIS. For goods already registered until such time, the surveillance testing as and when carried would be as per the latest standards. Further, renewal of registration would be done to the latest standards as per the provisions of the Compulsory Registration Scheme on expiry of validity of registration cycle.

Material in the following section and the India *Antidumping Countervailing Duty and Safeguards Investigations* section was prepared by [Sonia Gupta](#) of [Ashok Dhingra Associates](#), Attorneys at Law, Gurgaon (Haryana), India

Other CBIC and DGFT notifications, circulars and instructions

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) and Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) issued following notifications, circulars (Cir) and instructions during the period covered by this Update:

Date	Series and No	Subject
CBIC TARIFF NOTIFICATIONS		
09-04-20	19/2020-Cus	Amends notification exempting specified goods from Health Cess imposed on medical devices falling under Heading 9018 to 9022 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 to make changes consequential to enactment of the Finance Act, 2020
	20/2020-Cus	Exempts Customs Duty and Health Cess on import of ventilators, personal protection equipments, COVID-19 testing kits and inputs thereof until 30 September, 2020
CBIC NON-TARIFF NOTIFICATIONS		
15-04-20	38/2020-Cus (NT)	Tariff Notification regarding fixation of Tariff Value of Edible Oils, Brass Scrap, Poppy Seeds, Areca Nut, Gold and Silver
30-04-20	40/2020-Cus (NT)	
CBIC CIRCULARS		
03-04-20	17/2020-Cus	Relaxes requirement of submitting bonds under prescribed Sections of the Customs Act, 1962 subject to compliance with specified conditions until 30 April, 2020
11-04-20	18/2020-Cus	Permits provisional clearance of goods under India's Free Trade Agreements without submission of original Certificate of Origin subject to final assessment being done on submission of original Certificate of Origin

Date	Series and No	Subject
13-04-20	19/2020-Cus	Allows electronic communication of Out of Charge, copy of Bill of Entry and eGatepass to importers/ customs brokers
21-04-20	20/2020-Cus	Defers implementation of Electronic Sealing for deposit and removal of goods from Customs Bonded Warehouses until 1 July, 2020
	21/2020-Cus	Extends date of relaxation of requirement of submitting bonds under prescribed Sections of the Customs Act, 1962 subject to compliance with specified conditions until 15 May, 2020. Bonds to be submitted until 30 May, 2020
	22/2020-Cus	Rectification facility for mismatch between GST returns data and Customs data extended for Shipping Bills filed up to 31 December, 2019
CBIC INSTRUCTIONS		
09-04-20	03/2020-Cus	Introducing Special Refund and Drawback Disposal Drive until 30 April, 2020 for priority processing and disposal of all pending refund and drawback claims
27-04-20	04/2020-Cus	Provides guidelines for conduct of personal hearings in virtual mode under the Customs Act, 1962
DGFT NOTIFICATIONS		
04-04-20	59/2015-2020	Export Policy of Diagnostic Kits revised from Free to Restricted with immediate effect
	01/2015-2020	Export of Hydroxychloroquine and formulations thereof Prohibited without any exceptions
06-04-20	02/2015-2020	Export Policy for specified Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) and formulations thereof revised from Restricted to Free with immediate effect
17-04-20	03/2015-2020	Export Policy of formulations made from Paracetamol (including FDCs) revised from Restricted to Free with immediate effect. Export of Paracetamol Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) continue to remain restricted
DGFT PUBLIC NOTICES		
07-04-20	01/2015-2020	Extends time period to submit requests for block-wise extension, extension of export obligation period and submission of installation certificate under Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme upto 31 March, 2021
13-04-20	02/2015-2020	Relaxes time period for submission of physical copy of application for availing Transport and Marketing Assistance (TMA) on specified agricultural products
17-04-20	03/2015-2020	Notifies additional quantity of raw Cane Sugar for export to the USA under Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) upto 30 September, 2020
	04/2015-2020	Notifies procedure for allocation of quota for import of Calcined Pet Coke (CPC) for use in aluminium industry and Raw Pet Coke for Calcined Pet Coke manufacturing industry for year 2020-2021

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JAPAN

METI adjusts some import-export procedures due to Covid-19

On March 5, 2020, in response to expected delays and other disruptions in imports and exports as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) has issued trade control related procedural notifications, including some new special treatments. See details [here](#).

SINGAPORE

Singapore concludes negotiations with New Zealand for Declaration on Trade in Essential Goods for Combating the Covid-19 Pandemic

On 15 April 2020, the Minister of Trade and Industry (MTI) and the New Zealand Minister for Trade and Export Growth jointly [announced](#) the launch of a Declaration on Trade in Essential Goods for Combating the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Declaration is intended to keep trade lines open for essential supplies so that the countries can collectively respond effectively and efficiently to the COVID-19 situation. The announcement also said:

The Declaration builds on the Joint Ministerial Statement on Supply Chain Connectivity which was originally issued by New Zealand and Singapore last month. Seven other countries – Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Uruguay have since pledged their commitment to the Joint Ministerial Statement to ensure supply chain connectivity amidst the COVID-19 situation.

Through this joint undertaking not to impose tariffs and other trade barriers including export restrictions, Singapore and New Zealand hope the Declaration will have a positive demonstrative effect and boost efforts to ensure that trade continues to flow unimpeded for a list of essential supplies. Both countries will also work closely together to expedite and facilitate the flow and transit of these products through our respective sea and air ports.

The announcement included the text of the actual Declaration and a list of over 120 products identified as being essential goods in combating the COVID-19 Pandemic. Pursuant to the Declaration, the parties agree to eliminate import duties, remove any export restrictions and expedite all clearance procedures for the listed products

Customs duty changes for essential goods for combatting Covid-19

Pursuant to the Declaration on Trade in Essential Goods for Combating the COVID-19 Pandemic, Singapore Customs [Circular 03/2020](#) announced the following duty revisions, which took effect on 15 April 2020:

HS Code	Description	Customs Duty	
		OLD	NEW
2208.90.10	Medicated samsu of an alcoholic strength by volume not exceeding 40 % vol.	\$8.00 per litre of alcohol	\$0.00 per litre of alcohol
2208.90.20	Medicated samsu of an alcoholic strength by volume exceeding 40 % vol.	\$8.00 per litre of alcohol	\$0.00 per litre of alcohol
2208.90.30	Other samsu of an alcoholic strength by volume not exceeding 40 % vol.	\$8.00 per litre of alcohol	\$0.00 per litre of alcohol
2208.90.40	Other samsu of an alcoholic strength by volume exceeding 40 % vol.	\$8.00 per litre of alcohol	\$0.00 per litre of alcohol

Notices, circulars, etc.

Date	Reference	Matter
07-04-20	Notice 05/2020	Application Of Preferential Certificates Of Origin In View Of The Tightening Safe-Distancing Measures Implemented To Minimise The Spread Of Covid-19
15-04-20	Cir. 03/2020	Notification of Customs Duty Changes

THAILAND

FDA implements fast-track procedure for import of essential medical device products to combat COVID-19

The Food and Drug Administration, Ministry of Public Health (FDA), has released a notification aimed at facilitating fast-track import of certain medical device products required to combat COVID-19 which are:

1. Surgical mask	8. Medical thermometer for measuring fevers
2. N95 masks, or higher	9. Medical safety goggles
3. Personal protective equipment: PPE	10. Medical face shield
4. Surgical gown	11. Medical hood cover
5. Isolation gown	12. Medical leg cover
6. Medical cap	13. Swab
7. Medical gloves - excluding surgical gloves	

For new importers, the timeline to obtain a medical device establishment license for import is reduced from approximately one month to one working day, provided that documents are complete according to the FDA's standard checklist.

The notification process for these medical devices has also been simplified. Instead of submitting a Certificate of Free Sale, EC Certificate or EC Declaration of Conformity obtained from manufacturer's government and legalized by the Thai Embassy in the manufacturing country, the FDA now accepts a letter issued and certified by the manufacturer, containing the manufacturer's details, medical device details, and the statement "freely sold in the manufacturing country". This process also takes one working day to complete.

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EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

European Union and EFTA

EU updates export controls on personal protective equipment in response to COVID-19

On 24 April 2020, the European Commission published [Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2020/568](#) (the "Implementing Regulation"), which prohibits the export from the EU of certain personal protective equipment unless a licence is first obtained from an EU Member State authority. The Implementing Regulation came into force on 26 April 2020.

The Implementing Regulation replaces the temporary export controls imposed by the Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/402 published on 15 March 2020, as amended by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/426 on 20 March 2020 (please see our previous posts on [Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2020/402](#) and [Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2020/426](#)).

The new Implementing Regulation expands the list of destinations for which no licence is required to include Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Faeroe Islands, Gibraltar, Iceland, Kosovo, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Norway,

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North Macedonia, San Marino, Serbia, Switzerland, the Vatican City State, Büsingen, Heligoland, Livigno, Ceuta, Melilla and other specified overseas countries and territories. The exemption also applies to exports to facilities located on the continental shelf or exclusive economic zone of a Member State.

The protective equipment covered by the Implementing Regulation includes protective spectacles and visors, mouth-nose-protection equipment and protective garments, as listed in the Annex. The updated list lifts the previous restrictions on face shields and gloves (provided that the item in question is not otherwise covered by a provision in the Annex).

The latest Implementing Regulation remains in force for a period of 30 days from 26 April 2020, and will remain subject to review by the Commission.

European Commission narrows down export authorisation requirements to protective masks only and extends geographical and humanitarian exemptions

On 14 April 2020, the European Commission [announced](#) the start of consultations with EU Member States on a draft regulation to adjust the export authorisation scheme set up on 15 March as an emergency measure that elapses on 25 April 2020.

In line with the EU's global commitments in tackling the coronavirus pandemic, the scheme in the draft regulation is temporary, targeted, proportionate and transparent.

The new regulation is set out to apply for a limited period of 30 days (as of 26 April 2020), and it covers one single product category, protective masks. The Commission services find that this is the only remaining category, where an export authorisation is necessary in order to secure an adequate supply to protect the health of Europeans.

The new scheme proposes some changes with respect to its geographical scope. In addition to previously existing exceptions, it exempts from the authorisation requirement exports to Western Balkans [Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Kosovo], which are engaged in a process of deep integration with the Union as well as Gibraltar and territories of Member States excluded from the EU customs union.

In the spirit of international solidarity, the new scheme now explicitly requires Member States to authorise exports of emergency supplies in the context of humanitarian aid and to process the relevant applications in an expedite manner.

The new scheme also asks the Member States to positively assess exports to State agencies in charge of distributing personal protective equipment or involved in combating the coronavirus outbreak, subject to a check on availability with the Commission.

In line with the Commission's efforts to match supply and demand in the EU, the regulation obliges Member States to consult the European Commission when assessing whether to issue an export authorisation. The Commission shall issue an opinion within 48 hours from the receipt of the request. In this context, the purpose of the newly set up Clearing House is to coordinate efforts to match supply and demand in the EU and ensure that available supplies of materials go where they are most needed.

The draft regulation also includes a review clause that will allow the Commission to adjust the product scope or the duration of the provisions in light of possible new developments.

In the spirit of transparency, the draft regulation requires Member States to report to the Commission on their authorisations granted and refused and commits the Commission to report publicly on these developments.

The Commission will adopt this implementing regulation according to the corresponding committee procedure.

The export authorisation scheme is part of the measures taken by the EU to address the epidemiological crisis caused by the coronavirus disease.

European Commission introduces additional retaliatory tariffs on certain US-originating products

On 6 April 2020, the European Commission adopted [Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2020/502](#) (the “Implementing Regulation”) introducing additional tariffs on certain products originating from the US. This was adopted in retaliation to the further safeguard measures in the form of tariff increases, adopted by the United States on 24 January 2020, in relation to imports of certain derivative aluminium and steel products which took effect with unlimited duration on 8 February 2020.

Effective May 2020, the following additional duties (in addition to those that already apply) will apply in respect of US-originating goods:

- of 20% on lighters (CN 9613 80 00); and
- 7% on plastic fittings for furniture and coachwork (CN 3926 30 00).

Furthermore, additional duties of 4.4% will apply on US-originating imports of playing cards (CN 9504 40 00) from the earlier of:

- 8 February 2023; or
- the date of adoption by, or notification to, the WTO Dispute Settlement Body of a ruling that the United States' safeguard measures are inconsistent with the relevant provisions of the WTO Agreement.

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European Commission publishes Decision granting temporary customs duty and import VAT exemptions for equipment needed to combat COVID-19

On 3 April 2020, the European Commission issued its [Decision](#) granting relief from customs duty and import VAT exemptions for equipment necessary for combating the COVID-19 outbreak, following its announcement of its intention to do so on 20 March 2020 (please see our previous blog post [here](#)).

Goods will only be exempt from customs duty and import VAT if they:

1. are imported by or on behalf of State organisations, or by or on behalf of organisations approved by competent authorities in the Member States;
2. are intended to be distributed or made available, free of charge, to “*persons affected by or at risk from COVID-19 or involved in combating the COVID-19 outbreak*”; and
3. satisfy certain requirements set out in Regulation (EC) No 1186/2009 and Council Directive 2009/132/EC.

Goods subject to relief and the quantities thereof will be determined by the Member States, although the European Commission indicates this will include masks and protective equipment, as well as testing kits, ventilators and other medical equipment.

The measures apply retrospectively from 30 January 2020 and will remain in place until 31 July 2020. The European Commission will review the situation, in consultation with Member States, before 31 July 2020 and extend the period if necessary.

For more information, please see the European Commission's press release, available [here](#).

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Commission issues tariff classification regulations

[See separate section below](#) for tariff classification regulations issued by the European Commission during the period covered by this Update.

Amendments to the CN Explanatory Notes

[See separate section below](#) for amendments to the *Explanatory Notes to the Combined Nomenclature of the European Union* that were published in the *Official Journal* during the period covered by this Update.

EU publishes HSC EN amendments and classification opinions and requires customs authorities to revoke BTIs that are incompatible with them

On 30 April 2020, the *Official Journal* published a [Communication](#) [2020/C 142/01] in accordance with Article 34(7)(a)(iii) of Regulation (EU) No 952/2013, which requires customs authorities to revoke decisions relating to binding information from 30 April 2020 if they become incompatible with the interpretation of the customs nomenclature as a result of the following international tariff measures: Classification Decisions, Classification Opinions or amendments to the Explanatory Notes of the Nomenclature of the Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System, adopted by the Customs Cooperation Council (the WCO) (CCC document No NC2692 – report of the 64th session of the HS Committee):

Amendments of the Explanatory Notes of the Nomenclature annexed to the HS Convention

21.06	P/10
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73.26	P/11
87.16	P/11
39.26	P/11

Classification Opinions approved by the HS Committee

2106.90/38	P/2
2309.90/8	P/2
2936.23/1	P/2
2936.28/2-3	P/2
2936.29/3	P/2

3822.00/2	P/4
3921.90/4	P/5
3924.90/7	P/6
7323.99/1	P/6
9022.90/1	P/8

3003.20/1-2

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9403.90/1

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Binding Tariff Information

The European Community has created the Binding Tariff Information (BTI) system as a tool to assist economic operators to obtain the correct tariff classification for goods they intend to import or export.

Since 1 October 2019 all BTI correspondence between the economic operator and the customs authority is happening through the [Trader Portal](#). This includes among others applications by economic operators for BTI decisions, requests by the customs authority for further information on the product being classified and the economic operators' replies to those questions. A list of customs authorities designated by Member States for the purposes of receiving applications, or taking decisions relating to binding tariff information may be found [here](#).

Depending on the Member State an economic operator has to access either the [EU Customs trader portal](#) or the [national trader portal](#). You can search and consult existing BTIs on the [EBTI-database](#).

Official Journal documents

The following documents of interest to international traders (excluding documents relating to day-to-day management of agricultural matters, individual protected designations of origin registrations, approvals or restrictions on specific substances and fishing rights) were published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*:

OJ Date	Subject
01-04-20	Council Decision (EU) 2020/470 of 25 March 2020 as regards the extension of the period of entitlement for audiovisual co-productions as provided for in Article 5 of the Protocol on Cultural Cooperation to the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part
	Communication from the Commission — Guidance from the European Commission on using the public procurement framework in the emergency situation related to the COVID-19 crisis [2020/C 108I/01]
02-04-20	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/478 of 1 April 2020 correcting Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 establishing the Union list of novel foods
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/479 of 1 April 2020 amending Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 laying down detailed rules for implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 as regards the arrangements for imports of organic products from third countries
03-04-20	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/485 of 2 April 2020 amending Annex I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659 as regards the entry into the Union of live equidae and of semen, ova and embryos of equidae from Thailand
	UN Regulation No 135 – Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to their Pole Side Impact performance (PSI) [2020/486]
	Corrigendum to Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2020/362 of 17 December 2019 amending Annex II to Directive 2000/53/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on end-of-life vehicles as regards the exemption for hexavalent chromium as anti-corrosion agent of the carbon steel cooling system in absorption refrigerators in motor caravans (OJ L 67, 5.3.2020)
	Commission Decision (EU) 2020/491 of 3 April 2020 on relief from import duties and VAT exemption on importation granted for goods needed to combat the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak during 2020 (notified under document C(2020) 2146)

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	Communication from the Commission Guidelines on EU Emergency Assistance on Cross-Border Cooperation in Healthcare related to the COVID-19 crisis [2020/C 111/01]
06-04-20	Summary of European Commission Decisions on authorisations for the placing on the market for the use and/or for use of substances listed in Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) (Published pursuant to Article 64(9) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006) [2020/C 113/05]
07-04-20	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/500 of 6 April 2020 authorising the placing on the market of partially defatted chia seed (<i>Salvia hispanica</i>) powders as novel foods under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 (¹) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/502 of 6 April 2020 on certain commercial policy measures concerning certain products originating in the United States of America Notice to undertakings intending to import or export controlled substances that deplete the ozone layer to or from the European Union in 2021 and undertakings intending to produce or import these substances for essential laboratory and analytical uses in 2021 [2020/C 115/04]
08-04-20	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/514 of 8 April 2020 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States (notified under document C(2020) 2292) Decision No 1/2015 of the Joint Veterinary Committee created by the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products of 17 December 2015 amending Appendices 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 and 11 to Annex 11 to the Agreement [2020/498]
14-04-20	Commission Recommendation (EU) 2020/518 of 8 April 2020 on a common Union toolbox for the use of technology and data to combat and exit from the COVID-19 crisis, in particular concerning mobile applications and the use of anonymised mobility data Communication from the Commission — Guidelines on protection of health, repatriation and travel arrangements for seafarers, passengers and other persons on board ships [2020/C 119/01]
15-04-20	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/523 of 7 April 2020 amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff as regards subheading 9021 10 10 (orthopaedic appliances) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/524 of 8 April 2020 repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) No 863/2013 concerning the classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature Council Regulation (EU) 2020/521 of 14 April 2020 activating the emergency support under Regulation (EU) 2016/369, and amending its provisions taking into account the COVID-19 outbreak Summary of European Commission Decisions on authorisations for the placing on the market for the use and/or for use of substances listed in Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) (Published pursuant to Article 64(9) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006) [2020/C 122/03] Summary of European Commission Decisions on authorisations for the placing on the market for the use and/or for use of substances listed in Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) (Published pursuant to Article 64(9) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006) [2020/C 122/04]
16-04-20	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/528 of 14 April 2020 authorising laboratories in Brazil, China, South Korea, Thailand and the United States to

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	<p>carry out serological tests to monitor the effectiveness of rabies vaccines in dogs, cats and ferrets (notified under document C(2020) 2103)</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/529 of 15 April 2020 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/47 on protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in certain Member States (notified under document C(2020) 2369)</p> <p>Medicinal products – List of marketing authorisations granted by the EEA EFTA States for the second half of 2018 [2020/C 123/06]</p> <p>Medicinal products – List of marketing authorisations granted by the EEA EFTA States for the first half of 2019 [2020/C 123/07]</p> <p>Dangerous substances — List of authorisation decisions taken by the EEA EFTA States in accordance with Article 64(8) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) in the first half of 2018 [2020/C 123/08]</p> <p>Dangerous substances – List of authorisation decisions taken by the EEA EFTA States in accordance with Article 64(8) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) in the second half of 2018 [2020/C 123/09]</p> <p>Dangerous substances – List of authorisation decisions taken by the EEA EFTA States in accordance with Article 64(8) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) in the first half of 2019 [2020/C 123/10]</p> <p>Dangerous substances – List of authorisation decisions taken by the EEA EFTA States in accordance with Article 44(5) of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 in the second half of 2018 [2020/C 123/11]</p> <p>Dangerous substances — List of authorisation decisions taken by the EEA EFTA States in accordance with Article 44(5) of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 in the first half of 2019 [2020/C 123/12]</p>
20-04-20	<p>Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/540 of 21 January 2020 correcting the Polish language version of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/208 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 167/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to vehicle functional safety requirements for the approval of agricultural and forestry vehicles (</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/543 of 17 April 2020 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States (notified under document C(2020) 2538)</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/544 of 20 April 2020 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entry for the United States in the list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments from which certain poultry commodities may be imported into or transit through the Union in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza</p>
21-04-20	<p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/549 of 20 April 2020 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/47 on protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in certain Member States (notified under document C(2020) 2592)</p> <p>Summary of European Commission Decisions on authorisations for the placing on the market for the use and/or for use of substances listed in Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) (Published pursuant to Article 64(9) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006) [2020/C 130/03]</p> <p>Summary of European Commission Decisions on authorisations for the placing on the market for the use and/or for use of substances listed in Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) (Published pursuant to Article 64(9) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006) [2020/C 130/04]</p> <p>Summary of European Commission Decisions on authorisations for the placing on the market for the use and/or for use of substances listed in Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) (Published pursuant to Article 64(9) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006) [2020/C 130/05]</p>

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22-04-20	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/550 of 12 February 2020 amending Annexes II and IV to Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the temporary withdrawal of the arrangements referred to in Article 1(2) of Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 in respect of certain products originating in the Kingdom of Cambodia
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/552 of 20 April 2020 amending Annexes I and II to Decision 2003/467/EC as regards the officially tuberculosis-free status of the region of Valle d'Aosta in Italy and of the Autonomous Region of the Azores in Portugal, and as regards the officially brucellosis-free status of several regions of Portugal (notified under document C(2020) 2260)
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/553 of 21 April 2020 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/167 as regards harmonised standards for certain international mobile telecommunications cellular networks equipment
	Decision No 1/2018 of the Joint Veterinary Committee set up by the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products of 12 June 2018 on amending Appendix 6 of Annex 11 to the Agreement [2020/554]
	Summary of European Commission Decisions on authorisations for the placing on the market for the use and/or for use of substances listed in Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) (Published pursuant to Article 64(9) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006) [2020/C 131/04]
	Summary of European Commission Decisions on authorisations for the placing on the market for the use and/or for use of substances listed in Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) (Published pursuant to Article 64(9) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006) [2020/C 131/05]
23-04-20	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/557 of 22 April 2020 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 988/2014 as regards Union tariff quotas for certain agricultural products originating in the Republic of Moldova
	Council Decision (EU) 2020/556 of 21 April 2020 extending the temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure introduced by Decision (EU) 2020/430 in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union
	Summary of European Commission Decisions on authorisations for the placing on the market for the use and/or for use of substances listed in Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) (Published pursuant to Article 64(9) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006)
24-04-20	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/566 of 17 February 2020 correcting certain language versions of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/128 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 609/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the specific compositional and information requirements for food for special medical purposes
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/568 of 23 April 2020 making the exportation of certain products subject to the production of an export authorisation

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	<p>Regulation (EU) 2020/559 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2020 amending Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 as regards the introduction of specific measures for addressing the outbreak of COVID-19</p> <p>Regulation (EU) 2020/560 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2020 amending Regulations (EU) No 508/2014 and (EU) No 1379/2013 as regards specific measures to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak in the fishery and aquaculture sector</p> <p>Regulation (EU) 2020/561 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2020 amending Regulation (EU) 2017/745 on medical devices, as regards the dates of application of certain of its provisions</p> <p>Summary of European Union decisions on marketing authorisations in respect of medicinal products from 1 March 2020 to 31 March 2020 (Published pursuant to Article 13 or Article 38 of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council) [2020/C 135/01]</p> <p>Summary of European Union decisions on marketing authorisations in respect of medicinal products from 1 March 2020 to 31 March 2020 (Decisions taken pursuant to Article 34 of Directive 2001/83/EC or Article 38 of Directive 2001/82/EC) [2020/C 135/02]</p>
27-04-20	<p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/573 of 24 April 2020 fixing the import duties in the cereals sector applicable from 27 April 2020</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/574 of 24 April 2020 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/47 on protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in certain Member States (notified under document C(2020) 2732)</p>
28-04-20	<p>Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/578 of 21 February 2020 amending Regulation (EU) 2018/196 of the European Parliament and of the Council on additional customs duties on imports of certain products originating in the United States of America</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/579 of 27 April 2020 granting a Union authorisation for the biocidal product family 'HYPREd's octanoic acid based products'</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/580 of 27 April 2020 granting a Union authorisation for the biocidal product family 'SOPURCLEAN'</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/581 of 27 April 2020 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659 on the conditions for the entry into the Union of live equidae and of semen, ova and embryos of equidae</p> <p>Statement of the Commission relating to Regulation (EU) 2020/560 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) No 508/2014 and (EU) No 1379/2013 as regards specific measures to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak in the fishery and aquaculture sector [2020/C 138/01]</p>
29-04-20	<p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/585 of 27 April 2020 concerning a coordinated multiannual control programme of the Union for 2021, 2022 and 2023 to ensure compliance with maximum residue levels of pesticides and to assess the consumer exposure to pesticide residues in and on food of plant and animal origin</p> <p>UN Regulation No 45 – Uniform provisions concerning the approval of headlamp cleaners and of power-driven vehicles with regard to headlamp cleaners [2020/575]</p> <p>UN Regulation No 137 – Uniform provisions concerning the approval of passenger cars in the event of a frontal collision with focus on the restraint system [2020/576]</p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2020/583 of 25 March 2020 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Trade Committee of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Singapore on the interpretation, pursuant to Article 16.1(4)(d), of Articles 10.17 and 10.22 of that Agreement as regards changes to the protection of geographical indications for wines, spirits, agricultural products and foodstuffs registered in Singapore</p>
30-04-20	<p>Communication in accordance with Article 34(7)(a)(iii) of Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council, on decisions relating to binding information issued by the customs authorities of the Member States</p>

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	concerning the classification of goods in the customs nomenclature [2020/C142/01]

Restrictive measures established, amended, corrected

During the past month, the following restrictive measures were established, amended or corrected:

OJ Date	Restrictive Measure
03-04-20	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/483 of 1 April 2020 amending for the 313th time Council Regulation (EC) No 881/2002 imposing certain specific restrictive measures against certain persons and entities associated with the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida organisations
	Council Regulation (EU) 2020/488 of 2 April 2020 amending Regulation (EU) No 1352/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Yemen
	Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/490 of 2 April 2020 amending Decision 2014/932/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Yemen
09-04-20	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/510 of 7 April 2020 implementing Regulation (EU) No 359/2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Iran
	Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/512 of 7 April 2020 amending Decision 2011/235/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities in view of the situation in Iran
20-04-20	Corrigendum to Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/548 of 6 April 2018 implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1509 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (OJ L 91, 9.4.2018)
24-04-20	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/562 of 23 April 2020 implementing Regulation (EU) No 401/2013 concerning restrictive measures in respect of Myanmar/Burma
	Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/563 of 23 April 2020 amending Decision 2013/184/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Myanmar/Burma
29-04-20	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/582 of 28 April 2020d implementing Article 17(1) of Regulation (EU) No 224/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Central African Republic
	Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/584 of 28 April 2020 implementing Decision 2013/798/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

See separate [Antidumping Countervailing Duty and Safeguards Investigations, Orders & Reviews](#) section below.

Individual Countries

FRANCE

Notices to importers

The following [notices](#) were posted by Directorate General of Customs and Indirect Taxes (For laws and regulations, decrees, etc. please see listings under *Other EU-EFTA Notices - Import-export related measures*, below) :

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
02-04-20	2020/24 – Notice to Importers of Peroxosulfates Originating in the PRC
07-04-20	2020/25 – Notice to Importers of certain agricultural and industrial products eligible for autonomous tariff suspensions and quotas -Update

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
	2020/26 – Notice to Importers of Certain Glass Fiber Fabrics Originating in China and Egypt
09-04-20	2020/27 – Notice to Importers of certain agricultural and industrial products eligible for autonomous tariff suspensions and quotas – exceptional extension of the date for the transmission of new requests
	2020/28 – Notice to Importers of Certain Flat Hot Rolled Products of Stainless Steel, Coiled or Sheets Originating in the PRC, Taiwan and Indonesia
20-04-20	2020/29 – Notice to Importers of Ductile Iron Pipe Originating in India
21-04-20	2020/30 – Notice to economic operators
22-04-20	2020/31 - Notice to economic operators
27-04-20	№ 20-016: Duties and taxes applicable to energy products from May 1, 2020
28-04-20	2020/32 – Notice to importers of products originating in Moldova
	2020/33 – Notice to importers of products originating in Cambodia
30-04-20	2020/34 – Notice to Importers of Ceramic Tableware Originating in the PR China
	2020/35 – Notice to Importers of Products Originating in the United States

THE NETHERLANDS

Dutch Supreme Court confirms that EU Blocking Regulation does not prevent extradition of Iranian national to the United States

In a judgment of 7 April 2020 ([ECLI:NL:HR:2020:623](#)), the Dutch Supreme Court confirmed that the EU Blocking Regulation (“EUBR”) does not prevent extradition of an Iranian national to the United States for their alleged involvement in US export controls and sanctions violations. With this judgement, the Supreme Court upheld the judgement of the District Court of Rotterdam of 5 July 2019 ([ECLI:NL:RBROT:2019:5338](#)). Read more in our [Sanctions Blog](#) by [Sunny Mann](#) and [Derk Christianns](#).

SPAIN

The Spanish Agency of Medicines and Medical Devices changes the procedure to request parallel imports of medicines for human use

On March 12, 2020, the Spanish Agency of Medicines and Medical Devices (AEMPS) issued an informative note whereby it noted the change of the current procedure for requesting parallel imports of medicines for human use. This change will be effective as of June 1, 2020. [Read more](#)
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SWITZERLAND

FCA believes measures adopted by Federal Council will optimise the movement of goods at the border

On 29 April 2020, the Federal Council [announced](#) that the Federal Customs Administration (FCA) expects that the lockdown easing measures adopted by the Federal Council on 16 April will lead to a noticeable increase in the movement of goods. In dialogue with the business community, existing measures have been optimised and expanded, and the next steps outlined to ensure rapid processing of commercial goods traffic at the border. The Federal Council was informed of this at its meeting on 29 April 2020. With the gradual easing of protective measures, cross-border trade in goods will now increase again. An increase in

smuggling activities can also be expected, which is why the FCA will continue to carry out targeted risk-based checks. FCA measures include:

- Proven measures maintained and extended
- Accelerated border crossing for goods
- Simplified procedures
- Digitalisation (DaziT)

For details of each, please see the [announcement](#).

OTHER EU-EFTA COUNTRIES

Import-export related measures

The following import, export or antibribery measures were published in the on-line editions of the official gazettes of the countries shown during the period covered by this Update. [This is a partial listing, unofficial translations.] *The date shown may be the signature date, release date or publication date, depending on local practice.

Date*	Measure
ICELAND	
01-04-20	№ 284/2020 (17-03-20) Regulation on the entry into force of delegated Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/478 amending Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards categories of consignments subject to official oversight of border inspection posts
	№ 286/2020 (17-03-20) Regulation on the entry into force of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1139 amending Regulation (EC) No. 2074/2005 as regards official control of food of animal origin in connection with requirements relating to information on the food process and to fishery products, and reference to approved seafood fat test methods and test methods for raw milk and heat-treated cow's milk.
	№ 287/2020 (17-03-20) Regulation on the entry into force of delegated Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/1602 supplementing Regulation (EC) No 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards a uniform health and import document accompanying consignments of animals and products at destination
	№ 288/2020 (17-03-20) on the entry into force of delegated Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/1666 on additions to Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the conditions for the monitoring of the transit and arrival of consignments of certain products from a border inspection post to a terminal in the Union
03-04-20	№ 301/2020 (02-04-20) Rules on export licenses for protective equipment for healthcare professionals for COVID-19
14-04-20	№ 333/2020 (07-04-20) Regulation on (18) an amendment to Regulation no. 560/2014 on the entry into force of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 798/2008 on lists of third countries, territories, or chambers from which imports into the Community are permitted and Community transfers of poultry and poultry products, and requirements for animal health and animal health certifications
16-04-20	№ 337/2020 (15-04-20) Regulation amending the Regulation on Cross-border Movement, №. 866/2017
24-04-20	№ 371/2020 (07-04-20) Regulation on the entry into force of delegated Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/625 on additions to Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards requirements for the entry of consignments of certain animals and products intended for human consumption into the Union.
	№ 373/2020 (07-04-20) Regulation on the entry into force of delegated Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/1012 on amendments to Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the derogation

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	from the rules on the designation of surveillance posts and the minimum requirements for border inspection posts (food). № 374/2020 (07-04-20) Regulation on the entry into force of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1013 on advance notification of consignments of certain categories of animals and products entering the Union. № 375/2020 (07-04-20) Regulation on the entry into force of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1014 laying down detailed rules on the minimum requirements for border inspection posts (concerning food, feed, etc.).
IRELAND (EIRE)	
10-04-20	S.I. No. 98/2020 - Medicinal Products (Prescription and Control of Supply) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 S.I. No. 121/2020 - Health Act 1947 (Section 31A -Temporary Restrictions) (Covid-19) Regulations 2020
14-04-20	S.I. No. 128/2020 - Health Act 1947 (Section 31a – Temporary Restrictions) (Covid-19) (Amendment) Regulations 2020
LIECHTENSTEIN	
02-04-20	LGBI № 2020.123 Ordinance of 2 April 2020 amending the Ordinance on Measures to Combat the Coronavirus (COVID-19) (LR № 818.101.24)
08-04-20	LGBI № 2020.128 Announcement dated April 7, 2020 of the Swiss law applicable to the Principality of Liechtenstein based on the customs contract (Annexes I and II) (LR № 170.551.631) LGBI № 2020.133 Ordinance of 7 April 2020 amending the Ordinance on Measures to Combat the Coronavirus (COVID-19) (LR № 818.101.24)
09-04-20	LGBI № 2020.139 Ordinance of 9 April 2020 amending the Ordinance on Measures to Combat the Coronavirus (COVID-19) (LR № 818.101.24)
14-04-20	LGBI № 2020.140 Ordinance of 14 April 2020 amending the Ordinance on Measures to Combat the Coronavirus (COVID-19) (LR № 818.101.24)
17-04-20	LGBI № 2020.141 Ordinance of 17 April 2020 amending the Ordinance on Measures to Combat the Coronavirus (COVID-19) (LR № 818.101.24)
21-04-20	LGBI № 2020.142 Ordinance of 21 April 2020 on temporary measures in the field of food law in connection with the coronavirus (COVID-19) (COVID-19-LGV) (LR № 817,021) LGBI № 2020.144 Ordinance of 21 April 2020 on temporary measures in the field of agriculture in connection with the coronavirus (COVID-19) (COVID-19-LwV) (LR № 910.028)
22-04-20	LGBI № 2020.145 Ordinance of 22 April 2020 amending the Ordinance on Measures to Combat the Coronavirus (COVID-19) (LR № 818.101.24)
24-04-20	LGBI № 2020.150 Ordinance of 24 April 2020 amending the Ordinance on Measures to Combat the Coronavirus (COVID-19) (LR № 818.101.24)
LUXEMBOURG	
01-04-20	Mem A220: Grand-ducal regulation of April 1, 2020 amending the modified grand-ducal regulation of March 18, 2020 introducing a series of measures in the fight against Covid-19. Mem A222: Grand-ducal regulation of April 1, 2020 temporarily derogating from the general principle of support inside the cargo center of Luxembourg airport.
03-04-20	Mem A235: Grand-ducal regulation of April 3, 2020 amending the modified grand-ducal regulation of March 18, 2020 introducing a series of measures in the fight against Covid-19.
08-04-20	Mem A254: Ministerial decree of 2 April 2020 temporarily authorizing the availability on the market of personal protective equipment used to prevent the spread of covid-19. Mem A260: Grand-ducal regulation of 8 April 2020 authorizing the wearing of hygiene masks and respiratory protection masks in public space
09-04-20	Mem A267: Grand-ducal regulation of April 8, 2020 amending the modified grand-ducal regulation of March 18, 2020 introducing a series of measures in the fight against Covid-19.
16-04-20	Mem A293: Ministerial regulation of January 24, 2020 amending the ministerial regulation of October 4, 1977 concerning the coordination of general provisions relating to customs and excise duties and publication of: 1. the Belgian law of August 8, 1997 on bankruptcies;

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	<p>2. the Belgian law of March 15, 1999 relating to tax litigation; 3. the Belgian law of 25 April 2007 amending various modifications; 4. the Belgian program law of 22 December 2008; 5. the Belgian program law of 23 December 2009; 6. the Belgian law of 14 January 2013 laying down tax provisions in the area of justice; 7. the Belgian law of 25 April 2014 adapting in the tax legislation the names of the administrations of the Federal Public Service Finance and carrying various other legislative modifications; 8. the Belgian law of 12 May 2014 amending the general law on customs and excise; 9. the Belgian law of 18 December 2015 amending the general law on customs and excise; 10. the Belgian law of April 27, 2016 adapting the provisions attributing titles and grades in the tax codes and the legal provisions relating to customs and excise and carrying various other provisions; 11. the Belgian program law of July 1, 2016; 12. the Belgian law of 25 December 2017 laying down various tax provisions; 13. Belgian law of July 8, 2018 organizing a central point of contact for financial accounts and contracts and extending access to the central file of seizure, delegation, assignment, collective debt settlement notices and protest; 14. the Belgian law of July 11, 2018 within the framework of the integration of mortgage offices within the Legal Security Administration of the General Administration of Property Documentation of the Federal Public Service Finance and of the new organization and distribution of skills within the Legal Security Administration; 15. the Belgian law of 28 April 2019 laying down various tax provisions and amending article 1, paragraph 1 ter, of the law of 5 April 1955; 16. the Belgian law of 2 May 2019 amending various provisions relating to the processing of passenger data; 17. the Belgian law of 8 May 2019 introducing the Belgian Navigation Code - CORRECTIVE.</p>
17-04-20	<p>Mem A303: Grand-ducal regulation of April 17, 2020 amending the modified grand-ducal regulation of March 18, 2020 introducing a series of measures in the fight against Covid-19.</p>
24-04-20	<p>Mem A326: Grand-ducal regulation of April 24, 2020 amending the modified grand-ducal regulation of March 18, 2020 introducing a series of measures in the fight against Covid-19.</p>
28-04-20	<p>Mem A337: Grand-ducal regulation of 28 April 2020 amending the modified grand-ducal regulation of 18 March 2020 introducing a series of measures in the context of the fight against Covid-19.</p>
MALTA	
21-04-20	<p>154 of 2020 – Plant Quarantine (National Certification Scheme) Regulations, 2020 - Government Gazette Of Malta No. 20,391– 21.04.2020</p>
NORWAY	
03-04-20	<p>FOR-2020-04-02-568 Ministry of Health and Care Services Temporary regulation on exemptions from the animal hygiene regulations during the outbreak of covid-19</p>
	<p>FOR-2020-04-03-570 Ministry of Health and Care Services Regulations on amendments to regulations on infection control measures, etc. at the onset of the corona (Covid-19 regulation)</p>
05-04-20	<p>FOR-2020-04-03-570 Ministry of Health and Care Services Regulations on amendments to regulations on infection control measures, etc. at the onset of the corona (Covid-19 regulation)</p>
06-04-20	<p>FOR-2020-04-02-672 Ministry of Finance Regulations on amendments to the regulations on duty-free import and temporary use of foreign-registered motor vehicles in Norway</p>
	<p>FOR-2020-04-03-675 Ministry of Defense Regulations on amendments to the Regulations on Defense and Security Acquisitions - Update of Appendix 1</p>
07-04-20	<p>FOR-2020-04-06-692 Ministry of Agriculture and Food Temporary regulation on exemptions from the pet regulations during the outbreak of covid-19</p>

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	FOR-2020-02-28-701 Ministry of Health and Care Services, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Trade and Industry Regulation on official controls - lists of third countries permitting the importation of certain animals and goods from Regulation (EU) 2019/626
	FOR-2020-03-03-704 Ministry of Health and Care Services, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Trade and Industry Regulations on public control to ensure compliance with regulations for food, feed, pesticides, animal health and animal welfare
	FOR-2020-03-09-708 Ministry of Health and Care Services, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Trade and Industry Regulation on public control - general rules for border control Regulation (EU) 2019/2123, Regulation (EU) 2019/2126, Regulation (EU) 2019/2129 and Regulation (EU) 2019/2130
	FOR-2020-03-09-709 Ministry of Health and Care Services, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Trade and Industry Regulation on official controls - Border inspection stations - Regulation (EU) 2019/1012, Regulation (EU) 2019/1014 and Regulation (EU) 2019/1081
	FOR-2020-03-09-710 Ministry of Health and Care Services, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Trade and Industry Regulations on official control - documentation requirements for imports, Regulation (EU) 2019/1013 and Regulation (EU) 2019/1602
	FOR-2020-03-09-711 Ministry of Health and Care Services, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Trade and Industry Regulation on official controls - import and transit transport requirements, Regulation (EU) 2019/1666, Regulation (EU) 2019/2124 and Regulation (EU) 2019/2128
	FOR-2020-03-09-712 Ministry of Health and Care Services, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Trade and Industry Regulation on official control - special rules on border control, Regulation (EU) 2019/1873, Regulation (EU) 2019/2074 and Decision (EU) 2019/2098
	FOR-2020-03-09-712 Ministry of Health and Care Services, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Trade and Industry Regulation on official control - special rules on border control, Regulation (EU) 2019/1873, Regulation (EU) 2019/2074 and Decision (EU) 2019/2098
	FOR-2020-03-09-714 Ministry of Health and Care Services, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Regulations on amendments to regulations concerning live animals and animal products, etc. for which veterinary border inspection should be carried out
	FOR-2020-03-09-715 Ministry of Health and Care Services, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Regulation on official control - IM-SOC Regulation (EU) 2019/1715
	FOR-2020-03-09-716 Ministry of Health and Care Services, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Regulations on amendments to regulations on general principles and requirements in the food regulations (Food Act Regulations)
	FOR-2020-03-09-717 Ministry of Health and Care Services, Ministry of Trade and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Regulation on official control - Import control of non-animal products - Regulation (EU) 2019/1793
	FOR-2020-03-09-718 Ministry of Health and Care Services, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Regulation on official controls - Special hygiene rules for imports - Regulation (EU) 2019/625 and Regulation (EU) 2019/628
	FOR-2020-03-09-719 Ministry of Health and Care Services, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Regulation amending the Regulations implementing Regulation (EC) No 136/2004 laying down procedures for veterinary checks at EEA border inspection posts for imports of products from third countries, etc.
	FOR-2020-03-09-720 Ministry of Health and Care Services, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Trade and Industry Regulation on official control - animal production, Regulation (EU) 2019/624 and Regulation (EU) 2019/627
	FOR-2020-03-09-721 Ministry of Health and Care Services, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Trade and Industry Regulations on amendments to

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	regulations on special hygiene rules for food of animal origin (animal hygiene regulations) FOR-2020-03-09-722 Ministry of Health and Care Services, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Regulations on amendments to regulations on import and transit of poultry and certain poultry products from third countries, etc. FOR-2020-03-09-720 Ministry of Health and Care Services, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Trade and Industry Regulation on official control - animal production, Regulation (EU) 2019/624 and Regulation (EU) 2019/627
08-04-20	FOR-2020-04-06-724 Ministry of Health and Care Services - Temporary regulation on public control to ensure compliance with food, feed, pesticide, animal health and animal welfare regulations in the light of the corona crisis (covid-19), Regulation (EU) 20. FOR-2020-04-08-733 Ministry of Agriculture and Food Temporary regulation on exemptions from the plant health regulation section 19, first paragraph, on import licenses during the outbreak of covid-19 FOR-2020-04-08-738 Ministry of Health and Care Services Regulations on amendments to regulations on measures to ensure the supply of medicines, medical equipment and personal protective equipment following the outbreak of the coronavirus
16-04-20	FOR-2020-04-16-802 Ministry of Health and Care Services - Regulations on amendments to regulations on infection control measures, etc. at the onset of the corona (Covid-19 regulation) FOR-2020-04-16-803 Ministry of Health and Care Services Regulations on amendments to regulations on infection control measures, etc. at the onset of the corona (Covid-19 regulation)
17-04-20	FOR-2020-04-16-805 Ministry of Health and Care Services Regulations on amendments to regulations on measures to ensure the supply of medicines, medical equipment and personal protective equipment following the outbreak of the coronavirus
22-04-20	FOR-2020-04-22-835 Ministry of Health and Care Services Regulations on amendments to regulations on infection control measures, etc. at the onset of the corona (covid-19 regulation) FOR-2020-04-22-836 Ministry of Health and Care Services Regulations on amendments to regulations on measures to ensure the supply of medicines, medical equipment and personal protective equipment following the outbreak of the coronavirus
23-04-20	FOR-2020-04-22-839 Ministry of Health and Care Services Regulations on amendments to regulations on infection control measures, etc. at the onset of the corona (covid-19 regulation)
24-04-20	FOR-2020-04-20-848 Ministry of Health and Care Services Regulations on amendments to regulations on the content and labeling and design of tobacco products, etc. and regulations on the ban on tobacco advertising, etc. FOR-2020-04-21-850 Ministry of Agriculture and Food Regulations amending Regulations on import and transit of poultry and certain poultry products from third countries
28-04-20	FOR-2020-04-27-877 Ministry of Finance Regulations on amendments to regulations on deferral of tax payments to mitigate the consequences of the Covid-19 outbreak
SWITZERLAND	
01-04-20	Order 2 on measures to combat the coronavirus (COVID-19) (Order 2 COVID-19) (RS 818.101.24) Order 2 on measures to combat the coronavirus (COVID-19) (Order 2 COVID-19) (Channeling of border traffic) (RS 818.101.24) Ordinance on measures to mitigate the economic consequences of the coronavirus in the agricultural sector (Ordinance COVID-19 agriculture) (RS 916.01) FSVO order instituting measures against the spread of African swine fever through import, transit and export trade with the Member States of the European Union, Iceland and Norway (RS 916.443.107)
02-04-20	FSVO order establishing measures to prevent the introduction of avian influenza present in certain Member States of the European Union (RS 916.443.102.1)

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03-04-20	Coronavirus Measures 2 Order (COVID-19) (Order 2 COVID-19) (Supply of Important Medical Goods) (RS 818.101.24)
07-04-20	Rotterdam Convention Ordinance on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Chemicals in International Trade (PIC Ordinance, OPICChim) (RS 814.82)
08-04-20	Ordinance on the temporary suspension of customs duties on medical goods (RS 632.103.1)
	Order 2 on measures to combat the coronavirus (COVID-19) (Order 2 COVID-19) (RS 818.101.24)
09-04-20	Ordinance of the DFI regulating the import, transit and export trade in animals and animal products with third countries (OITE-PT-DFI) (RS 916.443.106)
15-04-20	FSVO order establishing measures to prevent the introduction of avian influenza present in certain Member States of the European Union (RS 916.443.102.1)
16-04-20	Order establishing measures relating to the coronavirus in the field of justice and procedural law (Order COVID-19 justice and procedural law) (RS 272.81)
	Ordinance on foodstuffs and everyday objects (ODAIOUS) (RS 817.02)
17-04-20	Coronavirus Measures 2 Order (COVID-19) (Order 2 COVID-19) (Restrictions on Import and Export of Goods) (RS 818.101.24)
	FSVO order instituting measures against the spread of African swine fever through import, transit and export trade with the Member States of the European Union, Iceland and Norway (RS 916.443.107)
21-04-20	Ordinance on the import of agricultural products (Ordinance on agricultural imports, OIAgr) (RS 916.01)
22-04-20	FSVO order establishing measures to prevent the introduction of avian influenza present in certain Member States of the European Union (RS 916.443.102.1)
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	FSVO order instituting measures against the spread of African swine fever through import, transit and export trade with the Member States of the European Union, Iceland and Norway (RS 916.443.107)
28-04-20	Ordinance of the FDF on goods benefiting from customs relief according to their use (Ordinance on customs relief, OADou) (RS 631.012)
	Ordinance on the import of agricultural products (Ordinance on agricultural imports, OIAgr) (RS 916.01)

Restrictive measures established, amended, corrected

The following restrictive measures (grouped by country) were established, amended or corrected and published in the national official journals or agency websites during the period covered by this Update. [This is a partial listing, unofficial translations.] *The date shown may be the signature date, release date or publication date, depending on local practice.

Date*	Restrictive Measure
IRELAND (EIRE)	
03-04-20	S.I. No. 103/2020 - European Union (Restrictive Measures Concerning Mali) Regulations 2020
	S.I. No. 104/2020 - European Union (Restrictive Measures Concerning Iraq) Regulations 2020
	S.I. No. 105/2020 - Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005 (Section 42) (Restrictive Measures Concerning Certain Persons and Entities With a View to Combating Terrorism) Regulations 2020
	S.I. No. 106/2020 - European Union (Restrictive Measures Concerning Ukraine) Regulations 2020
	S.I. No. 107/2020 - European Union (Restrictive Measures Concerning Somalia) Regulations 2020

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	S.I. No. 108/2020 - Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005 (Section 42) (Restrictive Measures Concerning Certain Persons and Entities Associated with the Isil (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Organisations) Regulations 2020
	S.I. No. 109/2020 - European Union (Restrictive Measures Concerning Turkey) Regulations 2020
	S.I. No. 110/2020 - European Union (Restrictive Measures Concerning Libya) Regulations 2020
	S.I. No. 111/2020 - European Union (Restrictive Measures Concerning Egypt) Regulations 2020
LIECHTENSTEIN	
02-04-20	LGBI № 2020.121 Ordinance of March 31, 2020 amending the Ordinance on Measures against Certain Persons from Egypt (LR № 946.223.7)
	LGBI № 2020.122 Ordinance of 31 March 2020 amending the ordinance on measures to avoid circumvention of international sanctions in connection with the situation in Ukraine (LR № 946.224.2)
08-04-20	LGBI № 2020.125 Ordinance of 7 April 2020 amending the regulation on measures against Libya (LR № 946.221.4)
09-04-20	LGBI № 2020.139 Ordinance of 9 April 2020 amending the Ordinance on Measures to Combat the Coronavirus (COVID-19) (LR № 818-101-24)
14-04-20	LGBI № 2020.140 Ordinance of 14 April 2020 amending the Ordinance on Measures to Combat the Coronavirus (COVID-19) (LR № 818-101-24)
23-04-20	LGBI № 2020.146 Ordinance of 21 April 2020 amending the ordinance on measures against the Islamic Republic of Iran (LR № 946.223.3)
SWITZERLAND	
02-04-20	Order imposing measures to prevent the circumvention of international sanctions related to the situation in Ukraine (RS 946.231.176.72)
22-04-20	Amendment to the Ordinance of March 14, 2014 establishing measures against the Central African Republic (RS 946.231.123.6) [Entry into force 21-04-20]
29-04-20	Amendment to the Order of November 11, 2015 instituting measures against the Islamic Republic of Iran (RS 946.231.143.6) [Entry into force 04-04-20]

Non EU-EFTA European Countries

UNITED KINGDOM

UK to enable importers to defer customs duty and import VAT payment due to COVID-19

UK HM Revenue & Customs ("**HMRC**") has issued a communication stating that it is willing to consider extending payment deadlines on a case-by-case basis, for importers facing severe financial difficulties as a direct result of COVID-19.

Businesses holding a duty deferment account may request an extension of the payment deadline for deferred customs duty and import VAT, without needing to call on a guarantee, increasing their guarantee limit, or risking their deferment account being suspended. No interest will be charged on an agreed extension. Duty deferment accounts may be suspended if the business defaults on a payment due during the extended period, and interest will be due on any payments that miss the agreed date.

Registered importers not holding a duty deferment account may request an extension to the payment deadline on a case-by-case basis, at the time when payment is due (which in most cases will be the time when goods are imported into the UK). The importer will need to explain how the pandemic has impacted its business finances. HMRC has discretion to refuse a request, and may impose conditions (including specific time limits, and/or for the importer to obtain a guarantee for the duration of the extension).

The approaches set out above are at HMRC's discretion and will not be granted automatically. However, for businesses experiencing cashflow issues as a result of COVID-19, they may prove to be useful tools for ensuring that goods can continue to be imported into the UK in the immediate term.

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Freeports consultation extended

The consultation laying out the government's vision for UK Freeports was published on 10 February, and was intended to close on 20 April. HM Treasury are grateful for the responses it has already received.

The government recognises that key sectors with an interest in this policy, including ports, businesses, and local government, are presently facing disruption as a result of Covid-19. Therefore, the Freeports consultation will be extended to close on 13 July. Responses can be submitted through the existing [gov.uk portal](#) until this date.

HM Treasury will consider a further extension if it feels stakeholders have not had adequate opportunity to fully engage with the consultation before 13 July.

The government is working to boost economic activity across the UK, ensuring that towns, cities and regions across the country can begin to benefit from the opportunities of leaving the EU. As part of this work, the government aims to create up to 10 freeports in locations across the UK. Freeports have different customs rules than the rest of the country. They are innovative hubs, boost global trade, attract inward investment and increase productivity. In doing so, the government wants freeports to generate employment opportunities to the benefit of some of our most deprived communities around the UK.

Any queries about this extension or the consultation should be directed to: freeports@trade.gov.uk.

Legislation ([legislation.gov.uk](#))

Date	Measure
01-04-20	SI 2020/391 - The Coronavirus (Retention of Fingerprints and DNA Profiles in the Interests of National Security) Regulations 2020
24-04-20	SI 2020/451 - The Taking Control of Goods and Certification of Enforcement Agents (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020
29-04-20	SI 2020/468 - The Misuse of Drugs (Coronavirus) (Amendments Relating to the Supply of Controlled Drugs During a Pandemic etc.) Regulations 2020
30-04-20	SI 2020/458 - The Value Added Tax (Zero Rate for Personal Protective Equipment) (Coronavirus) Order 2020
	SI 2020/459 - The Value Added Tax (Extension of Zero-Rating to Electronically Supplied Books etc.) (Coronavirus) Order 2020

HMRC updates

The following Public Notices, [Customs Information Papers](#) (CIPs) were issued by HM Revenue & Customs:

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
Tariff, Anti-Dumping and Other Notices	
01-04-20	Producing hand sanitiser and gel for coronavirus (COVID-19) Customs authorisations during the coronavirus (COVID-19) HMRC1: HM Revenue and Customs decisions - what to do if you disagree CHIEF: customs procedure codes
06-04-20	INTM261000 - Non-residents trading in the UK: introduction: contents CCPG29500 - Customs Civil Penalties Guidance: COVID-19 Guidance
07-04-20	INTM120185 - HMRC Approach to Company Residence in response to COVID-19 Pandemic
08-04-20	Moving goods through customs during the coronavirus (COVID-19) VEXP50510 - Particular types of export to destinations outside the EU: Exports by courier and fast parcel services: Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between HMRC and the Express Industry VEXP50530 - Particular types of export to destinations outside the EU: Exports by courier and fast parcel services: Evidence of export for Express Industry operators approved under the MoU
09-04-20	How your customs authorisations may change from 1 January 2021 Customs authorisations during the coronavirus (COVID-19) Stainless-steel hot-rolled flat products from China, Indonesia and Taiwan (anti-dumping duty 2396)
14-04-20	Customs Special Procedures Manual Producing hand sanitiser and gel for coronavirus (COVID-19) Notice 100: customs Flexible Accounting System
15-04-20	Customs Declaration Service communication pack Artificial fir garland (Tariff notice 3) Tube of zirconium alloy open at both ends (Tariff notice 4) Moving goods through customs during the coronavirus (COVID-19) Notice 826: tariff preferences - imports Notice 812: European Union preferences - trade with Turkey
16-04-20	Orthopaedic appliances (Tariff notice 6) Monolithic integrated circuit (Tariff notice 5)
17-04-20	Tubes and pipes made by Jindal Saw Ltd from India (anti-dumping duty 2397) Stainless steel bars and rods from India (anti-dumping duty 2394) Peroxosulphates or persulphates from China (anti-dumping duty 2393) Glass fibre fabrics from China and Egypt (anti-dumping duty 2395) Registration of continuous filament glass fibre from Egypt (anti-dumping duty 2391) Provisional countervailing duty on continuous filament glass fibre from Egypt (anti-dumping duty 2392)
21-04-20	Customs Declaration Service: service availability and issues
22-04-20	Moving goods through customs during the coronavirus (COVID-19)
24-04-20	Producing hand sanitiser and gel for coronavirus (COVID-19) Customs special procedures for the Union Customs Code (Notice 3001) Notice 252: valuation of imported goods for customs purposes, VAT and trade statistics Notice 366: importing biological and chemical substances for research free of duty and VAT
27-04-20	Apply for a Binding Tariff Information decision (Notice 600)
28-04-20	Exporting personal protective equipment during coronavirus (COVID-19) Ceramic tableware and kitchenware from China (anti-dumping duty 2398)
29-04-20	US safeguard measures (Tariff stop press notice 15) Monthly trade euro rates (Tariff stop press notice 16)
30-04-20	Revenue and Customs Brief 3 (2020): VAT liability of supplies of electronic publications

ECJU Notices to Exporters and DIT documents

The following Export Control Joint Unit (ECJU) [Notices to Exporters](#) and other Department for International Trade (DIT) documents were issued:

Date	Notice No. and Subct
09-04-20	Notice to exporters 2020/09: Export Control Joint Unit updates guidance on compliance checks for open licences
	Notice to exporters 2020/10: processing licence applications during coronavirus (COVID-19)

TURKEY

Legislation (laws, resolutions, orders, etc.)

The following documents were published in the on-line [T.C. Resmî Gazete](#).

Date	Subject
01-04-20	Regulation Amending the Customs Regulation
02-04-20	Communiqué on Import of Medical Diagnostic Kits (Import: 2020/19)
	Communiqué Amending the Communiqué on the Implementation of Surveillance in Imports (Communiqué No: 2009/8)
03-04-20	Communiqué Regarding Quota and Tariff Quota Administration in Imports (No: 2020/4)
	Communiqué on the Implementation of Tariff Quotas in Rice Imports
	Additional Decision to the Import Regime Decision (Number of Decisions: 2348)
	Decision on the Implementation of Tariff Quotas in Rice Imports (Decision Number: 2349)
07-04-20	Communiqué on Lemon Export (Export: 2020/7)
08-04-20	Communiqué on Prevention of Unfair Competition in Imports (No: 2020/6)
	Presidential Circular No. 2020/6 on Coordination of Foreign Trade Organizations
	Decision Regarding the Amendment (1) of the Schedule Regarding Toxic Chemical Substances Added to Law No. 5564 on the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and Their Precursors to be Valid From 7/6/2020 (Decision Number: 2381)
	Annex to the Council of Ministers Decision No. 2013/5428 of 30/9/2013 on the Freezing of the Property, Organizations or Organizations Listed by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1267 (1999), 1988 (2011) and 1989 (2011)) Decision Regarding the Amendment to the List Numbered (Number of Decisions: 2380)
11-04-20	Communiqué Regarding Quota and Tariff Quota Administration in Imports (No: 2020/5)
	Decision Regarding the Application of Tariff Quotas in the Imports of Some Textile Products (Decision Number: 2394)
14-04-20	Communiqué on Prevention of Unfair Competition in Imports (No: 2020/7)
	Communiqué on Implementation of Surveillance in Imports (No: 2020/5)
15-04-20	Annex to the Council of Ministers Decision No. 2013/5428 of 30/9/2013 on the Freezing of the Property, Organizations or Organizations Listed by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1267 (1999), 1988 (2011) and 1989 (2011)) Decision Regarding the Amendment of the List Numbered (Number of Decisions: 2408)
	Principles on the Amendment of the Principles Regarding the Fee to be Paid to the Customs Settlement Commission Members (Decision Number: 2407)
18-04-20	Additional Presidential Decision to the Import Regime Decision (Number of Decisions: 2424)
	Additional Presidential Decision to the Import Regime Decision (Number of Decisions: 2423)
	Additional Presidential Decision to the Import Regime Decision (Number of Decisions: 2422)

Date	Subject
	Presidential Decision Regarding the Amendment of the Decision on the Implementation of Tariff Quotas in Cereals and Pulses Imports (Number of Decisions: 2421)
21-04-20	Additional Presidential Decision to the Import Regime Decision (Number of Decisions: 2429)
	Additional Presidential Decision to the Import Regime Decision (Number of Decisions: 2430)
22-04-20	CORRECTION: Additional Decision to Import Regime Decision (Number of Decisions: 2430) Related
25-04-20	Regulation Amending the Regulation on Free Zones Application
30-04-20	Regulation Amending the Regulation on Pre-Notification and Veterinary Controls in the Entry of Animals and Products into the Country
	Warfare Vehicles and Equipment to be Subjected to Control as per Law No. 5201, Weapons, Ammunition and Spare Parts Related to them, Military Explosives, List of Technologies Related to These (2020 Controlled Material List)
	Communiqué on the Amendment of the Communiqué (Communiqué No: 2012/12) on Approval of the Control Certificate in Animal Product Imports and Documents to be Submitted at the Imports Stage (No: 2020/12)
	Communiqué Amending the Communiqué on the Implementation of Tariff Quotas in Paddy Imports

UKRAINE

Legislation (laws, resolutions, orders, etc.)

The following Ukrainian Laws (*Закон України*), Resolutions (*Постанова*), Presidential Decrees (*Указ Президента*), Decrees of the Cabinet of Ministers (*Розпорядження Кабінету Міністрів України*), Regulations (*Положення*), Agency Orders (*Наказ*) and other pieces of legislation were posted on the [Parliamentary \(Верховної Ради\) website](#) during the period of coverage of this Update:

Date	Subject
08-04-20	Amendments to the list of goods, works and services necessary for the implementation of measures aimed at preventing the occurrence and spread, localization and elimination of outbreaks, epidemics and pandemics of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the territory of Ukraine Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 269 of April 8, 2020
13-04-20	On Amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On Protection of the Population from Infectious Diseases" on Prevention of the Dissemination of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Law of Ukraine of 13.04.2020 No. 555-IX

EURASIAN ECONOMIC UNION (EAEU)

Decisions and recommendations of the Eurasian Economic Commission

The following Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) decisions and recommendations have been posted in the documents section of the [Eurasian Economic Commission documentation page](#). In general, only *Решения*, *Распоряжение* and Recommendations having a direct effect on international traders are listed.

Publication Date	Title
Board (Коллегии) of the Eurasian Economic Commission Решения	
02-03-20	№ 29 (26-02-20) On the classification of sensitized printing plates in accordance with the unified Commodity Nomenclature for Foreign Economic Activity of the Eurasian Economic Union
03-03-20	№ 28 (26-02-20) On amendments to the unified Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity of the Eurasian Economic Union and the Unified Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union in relation to fire cords, detonating cords, percussion caps, detonating caps, fuses and electric detonators, as well as to some decisions of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council and the Eurasian Economic Commission
05-03-20	№ 30 (03-03-20) On the list of international and regional (interstate) standards, and in case of their absence - national (state) standards, the application of which on a voluntary basis ensures compliance with the technical regulations of the Customs Union "On the safety of personal protective equipment" (TR TS 019/2011) , and the list of international and regional (interstate) standards, and in case of their absence - national (state) standards containing the rules and methods of research (testing) and changes rhenium, including sampling rules necessary for the application and implementation of the requirements of the technical regulation of the Customs Union "On the safety of personal protective equipment" (TR TS 019/2011) and the assessment of conformity of objects of technical regulation
	№ 31 (03-03-20) On the fulfillment by the Republic of Belarus of obligations within the framework of the functioning of the internal market of the Eurasian Economic Union
	№ 32 (03-03-20) On introducing amendments to the Procedure for filling out a uniform passport of a self-propelled vehicle and other types of equipment
17-03-20	№ 33 (03-03-20) On amendments to the Procedure for the formation and maintenance of a unified register of authorized bodies (organizations) of the Member States of the Eurasian Economic Union and organizations - manufacturers of vehicles (chassis of vehicles), self-propelled vehicles and other types of equipment that issue passports (electronic passports) of vehicles (chassis of vehicles), self-propelled cars and other types of equipment
	№ 34 (10-03-20) About the directory of methods for identification of business entities during their state registration in the member states of the Eurasian Economic Union.
23-03-20	№ 35 (10-03-20) On the fulfillment by the Republic of Armenia of obligations within the framework of the functioning of the internal market of the Eurasian Economic Union
	№ 36 (17-03-20) About the Advisory Committee on Agriculture
	№ 37 (17-03-20) On amendments to the unified Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activities of the Eurasian Economic Union and the Unified Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union in connection with amendments to the unified Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activities of the Commonwealth of Independent States, as well as to some decisions of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council and the Eurasian Economic Commission
	№ 38 (17-03-20) On introducing amendments to the list of goods in respect of which the customs authorities make decisions on the classification of goods transported across the customs border of the Eurasian Economic Union in un-assembled or un-assembled form, including incomplete or incomplete form
26-03-20	№ 39 (17-03-20) On amendments to the Decision of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission of May 2, 2017 No. 43
	№ 40 (17-03-20) About approval of extension of the term of state regulation of prices for white crystalline sugar
	№ 41 (24-03-20) On amendments to the Decision of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission dated April 21, 2015 No. 30 "On measures of non-tariff regulation"
02-04-20	№ 42 (31-03-20) On amendments to the list of goods that are essential for the internal market of the Eurasian Economic Union and for which, in exceptional cases, temporary bans or quantitative restrictions on exports may be introduced

Publication Date	Title
	№ 43 (31-03-20) On amendments to the Decision of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission dated April 21, 2015 No. 30 "On measures of non-tariff regulation"
13-04-20	№ 44 (07-04-20) On amendments to the unified Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activities of the Eurasian Economic Union and the Unified Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union for certain types of components for the production of hand-held power tools, as well as to Decision of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission of April 19, 2016 No. 36
20-04-20	№ 45 (16-04-20) On amending section 2.7 of the list of goods with respect to which a permit procedure has been established for the import into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union and (or) export from the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union
	№ 46 (16-04-20) On termination of consideration of a case on violation of the general rules of competition in cross-border markets
	№ 47 (16-04-20) On amendments to the Decision of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission of January 22, 2019 No. 9
	№ 48 (16-04-20) On amendments to the Decision of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission of August 28, 2018 No. 142
24-04-20	№ 49 (16-04-20) On amendments to the Decision of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission of October 16, 2018 No. 158
	№ 50 (21-04-20) About modification of the Decision of the Commission of the Customs Union of September 20, 2010 No. 378
	№ 51 (21-04-20) On Amending Certain Decisions of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission
	№ 52 (21-04-20) On amendments to the structure and format of the customs value declaration
	№ 53 (21-04-20) On making changes to the structure and format of adjustments to the goods declaration
	№ 54 (21-04-20) On amendments to the structure and format of the goods declaration and transit declaration
	№ 55 (21-04-20) On the classification of electrical connectors in accordance with the unified Commodity Nomenclature for Foreign Economic Activity of the Eurasian Economic Union
	№ 56 (21-04-20) On Amending the Decision of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission of January 24, 2017 No. 11
	№ 57 (21-04-20) On amendments to section 1.11 of the list of goods in respect of which a ban has been established on the import into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union and (or) the export from the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union
	№ 58 (21-04-20) About coordination of extension of the term of state regulation of prices for buckwheat
30-04-20	№ 59 (28-04-20) On amendments to section 1.10 of the list of goods with respect to which a ban has been established on the import into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union and (or) export from the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union
	№ 60 (28-04-20) On amending section 1.10 of the list of goods in respect of which a ban has been established on the import into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union and (or) export from the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union
	№ 61 (28-04-20) On amendments to the list of goods and rates for which the Kyrgyz Republic applies import customs duty rates different from the duty rates established by the Unified Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union
	№ 62 (28-04-20) On approval of the list of goods and rates for which during the transition period the Republic of Armenia applies import customs duty rates different from the rates of the Single Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union

Classification decisions adopted by the Commission and preliminary decisions adopted by the States-Members

The Commission has posted a table which provides a [collection of classification decisions](#) under the common tariff adopted by the Commission. A separate website exists for [preliminary decisions on the classification of goods adopted by the customs authorities of states - members](#) of the Eurasian Economic Union. It was last updated 1 May 2020. The table lists the tariff codes, a description, rationale (GRIs) for the decision.

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

ALGERIA

COVID-19 measures as of 15 April 2020

Algeria implemented a series of measures to support businesses during the COVID-19 outbreak. However, these measures remain timid, due in particular to budgetary constraints linked to the fall of oil and gas prices. [Click here to read more in our Francophone Africa Legal Alert.](#)

Customs measures adopted because of COVID-19

The Bank of Algeria eased the requirements for the communication of bank and customs documents for import transactions due to disruption of courier services. As of 19 March 2020, documents may be transmitted electronically.

Algerian customs have introduced exceptional measures aimed at facilitating and accelerating the import of goods, and their removal upon arrival, subject to an undertaking to finalize the customs formalities later. These exceptional measures relate to: [health products, medical equipment](#) and all [products directly related to the national policy](#) against the spread of the virus, as well as basic and widely-consumed food products in order to meet the needs of the population. These goods will follow the so-called accelerated “green circuit”.

The [following products](#) may no longer be exported until the end of the Covid-19 epidemic in order to guarantee domestic supply: Semolina, flours, pulses and rice, pasta, oils, sugar, coffee, mineral water, tomato concentrate, food preparations, milk in all its forms including those intended for children, fresh vegetables and fruit with the exception of dates, red and white meat, medical and paramedical equipment, medicines and pharmaceutical products, personal hygiene products and household detergents.

Customs adopts a binding tariff information request procedure

As part of the continuation of the efforts made by the General Directorate of Customs (Direction Générale des Douanes) in terms of trade facilitation, through the support of economic operators in their import and export operations, a new procedure for requesting information on tariff classification of their goods before customs declaration was adopted. The procedure is called, “[Renseignement Tarifaire Contraignant](#)” (RTC) or Binding Tariff Information in English. The new procedure was effective on March 1, 2020.

In addition to obtaining a Binding Tariff Information in advance, a collection of classification decisions issued by the customs administration in 2019 ([recueil des décisions de classement tarifaire Année:2019](#)) is available for downloading.

MOROCCO

COVID-19 - Specific measures implemented in Morocco

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, Moroccan authorities have implemented several measures to minimize the negative economic and social impact associated with the spread of the virus. [Click here to read more in our Francophone Africa Legal Alert.](#)

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AFRICA (EXCEPT NORTH AFRICA)

SOUTH AFRICA

New export controls regulations in South Africa in light of Covid-19

In light of the operation of a 21 day national lockdown and the President's declaration of a state of national disaster, the Department of Trade and Industry introduced new export control measures on Friday, 27 March 2020. These measures came into operation with effect from 27 March 2020 and shall remain in operation until further notice.

Export applications to the International Trade Administration Commission (ITAC)

Section 6 of the International Trade Administration Act, 71 of 2002, empowers the Minister of Trade and Industry to prescribe goods that may only be exported under the authority of and in accordance with the conditions stated in a permit by ITAC. In terms of the [COVID-19 Export Control Regulation](#) (COVID-19 Regulation), goods listed in Schedule 4 shall not be exported from the Republic of South Africa except by virtue of an export permit issued by ITAC.

In addition, ITAC may no longer determine applications for export permits without first receiving a recommendation from the Department of Trade Industry and Competition (DTIC), as well as any other department (the Line Department). If ITAC receives no recommendation from the DTIC and/ or the Line Department within a period of ten (10) working days or such an extended period as requested, it will be deemed that there is no objection to the issuing of an export permit.

Schedule 4 Goods

The following goods are subject to export control: alcohol-based hand sanitizers; face-masks; gas masks; other breathing appliances; hydroxychloroquine; antisera and other blood fractions; vaccines for human medicine; and medicaments.

The following goods are excluded from export control: protective masks having neither mechanical parts nor replaceable filters.

The export control measures apply irrespective of the quantity of goods intended for exportation. We will continue to monitor any additional restrictions and/ or requirements on medicines and medical supplies, and will provide further updates accordingly.

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COVID-19 NOTICES

The Government Notices on this page have been issued under the Disaster Management Act, 2002, and the International Trade Administration Act, 2002

Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
25-03-20	GG.4317748 R.398	Annexure B – Categorisation of Essential Goods and Services during Lockdown – Regulation 11A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.398 	
27-03-20	GG.43177 R.424	COVID-19 Export Control Regulation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.424 Explanatory Note SARS has been requested by the Department of Trade and Industry to add the listed goods to its prohibited and restricted list (P&R list) for purposes of export control. It is not a ban. Traders may apply to the International Trade Administration Commission (ITAC) for an export permit, and if granted the goods may be exported.	25-03-20
03-04-20		COVID-19 Essential Goods List <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ITAC Certificate – SARS Essential Goods List VAT 412.11 Mapping Explanatory Note Pursuant to this certificate (Certificate), the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (ITAC) hereby certifies that for the purpose of Schedule 1(8) of the Value Added Tax Act 89 of 1991, item no 412.11/00.00/01.00 the list of essential goods set out in Annexure B of the Regulations (R.398, Government Gazette No. 43148 of 25 March 2020) under the Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002 (the Disaster Management Act) (the Annexure B list of essential goods), are goods imported for the relief of distress of all persons in South Africa as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic, which was declared a National Disaster on 15 March 2020 by the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs in Notice No. 313 of <i>Government Gazette</i> No. 43096 in terms of section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act (National Disaster). The VAT 412.11 Mapping provides a mapping of essential goods with reference to Annexure B of the Regulations (R.398, Government Gazette No. 43148 of 25 March 2020) under the Disaster Management Act, 2002	
09-04-20		COVID-19 Essential Goods List	08-04-20

Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ITAC Certificate – SARS Essential Goods List effective 8 April 2020 <p>An updated certificate has been published.</p>	
	GG.43222 R.458	<p>Rule amendment to substitute Rule 24.03 to provide for the exemption of foreign-going ships or aircraft from the payment of duty on stores consumed on such ships in any port in the Republic, or on an aircraft on a flight between any places in the Republic for the duration of the national state of disaster. <i>Note that the amendment was not published for public comment due to the urgency of the matter and humanitarian considerations.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.458 	With retrospective effect from 23-03-20

South African Customs and Excise Act Amendments of Rules and Tariff Schedules

Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
	GG.43245 R.474	<p>Amendment to rule under section 120 to amend Rule 120.12 to restrict payments by cheque to an amount of no more than R50 000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.474 	With effect from 01-05-20
24-04-20	GG.43245 R.473	<p>Amendment to rules under sections 8, 59A and 60 to provide for electronic submission of applications for registration and licensing in respect of certain activities regulated by the Customs and Excise Act, 1964, and consequential amendments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.473 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form DA 8 – Application for registration to submit reporting documents for sea cargo Form DA 8A – Application for registration to submit reporting documents for air cargo Form DA 8B – Application for registration to submit reporting documents for rail cargo Form DA 8C – Application for registration to submit reporting documents for road cargo Form DA 185 – Application form – Registration and licensing of Customs and Excise Clients <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form DA 185.4A1 – Registration Client Type 4A1 – Importer (Located or not located in the Republic) Form DA 185.4A2 – Registration Client Type 4A2 – Exporter (Located or not located in the Republic) Form DA 185.4A3 – Registration Client Type 4A3 – Rebate user Form DA 185.4A4 – Registration Client Type 4A4 – Manufacturer 	

Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Form DA 185.4A5 – Registration Client Type 4A5 – Manufacturing warehouse (APDP) ○ Form DA 185.4A6 – Registration Client Type 4A6 – Electronic user ○ Form DA 185.4A7 – Registration Client Type 4A7 – Producer ○ Form DA 185.4A8 – Registration Client Type 4A8 – Commercial manufacturer of biodiesel ○ Form DA 185.4A9 – Registration Client Type 4A9 – Non-commercial manufacturer of biofuel ○ Form DA 185.4A10 – Registration Client Type 4A10 – Manufacturer of drawback item 501.00 to 521.00 ○ Form DA 185.4A11 – Registration Client Type 4A11 – SEZ and or designation of a CCA ○ Form DA 185.4A12 – Registration Client Type 4A12 – Electricity producer ○ Form DA 185.4A13 – Registration Client Type 4A13 – Registered agent ○ Form DA 185.4A14 – Registration Client Type 4A14 – Registered still ○ Form DA 185.4A15 – Registration Client Type 4A15 – Manufacture of excisable goods solely for own use ○ Form DA 185.4A16 – Registration Client Type 4A15 – Manufacture of excisable goods solely for own use ○ Form DA 185.4B1 – Licensing Client Type 4B1 – Special manufacturing warehouse ○ Form DA 185.4B2 – Licensing Client Type 4B2 – Manufacturing warehouse ○ Form DA 185.4B3 – Licensing Client Type 4B3 – Storage warehouse ○ Form DA 185.4B4 – Licensing Client Type 4B4 – Special storage warehouse ○ Form DA 185.4B5 – Licensing Client Type 4B5 – Clearing agent ○ Form DA 185.4B6 – Licensing Client Type 4B6 – Remover in bond (located in the Republic or not) ○ Form DA 185.4B7 – Licensing Client Type 4B7 – Distributor fuel ○ Form DA 185.4B8 – Licensing Client Type 4B8 – Special ad valorem manufacturing warehouse ○ Form DA 185.4B9 – Licensing Client Type 4B9 – Storage warehouse ○ Form DA 185.4B10 – Licensing Client Type 4B10 – Licensing of manufacturing warehouse in CCA ○ Form DA 185.4B11 – Licensing Client Type 4B11 – Distillation of spirits by an agricultural distiller 	

Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Form DA 185.4B12 – Licensing Client Type 4B12 – To own, possess or keep stills ○ Form DA 185.4B13 – Licensing Client Type 4B13 – To manufacture or import stills for sale or to repair stills for reward ○ Form DA 185.4B14 – Licensing Client Type 4B14 – Degrouping depot ○ Form DA 185.4B15 – Licensing Client Type 4B15 – Searcher of or searching for wreck ○ Form DA 185.4B16 – Licensing Client Type 4B16 – Container depot ○ Form DA 185.C – Security particulars ○ Form DA 185.D – Disclosure of a registered agent 	

NEWSLETTERS, REPORTS, ARTICLES, ETC.

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Publications, Alerts, Newsletters

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Subject
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International Trade, Tax and Anti-corruption
Global International Trade Compliance Update – April 2020 {older issues}
International Commercial & Trade Client Alert: COVID-19: Tariff-Relief Opportunities for U.S. Importers
North America Tax News and Developments Client Alert: CARES Act Tax Provisions Impacting the Real Estate Industry
Europe: COVID-19 Government support in the EU: More options for Member States' support for businesses under the Amended Temporary Framework for State aid
Canada: Pricing Goods and Services in the Time of COVID-19: Canadian Government Measures Against Price-Gouging

Subject
United Kingdom: UK and EU: Guidance on urgent public contracting during the COVID-19 pandemic
Franchising Client Alert: COVID-19 Related International Stimulus Relief
Mexico Alert: Technology services and e-commerce platforms are considered essential activities (Eng. and Span.)
Client Alert: COVID-19: Increased Scrutiny of Foreign Investment Continues Around the World
Mexico Intellectual Property: New labeling requirements for prepackaged food and non-alcoholic beverages in Mexico
Francophone Legal Alert (April 2020) (Eng. and Fr.)
Other areas
Russia Employment and Migration Client Alert: Latest measures against coronavirus in Russia (Eng. and Russ.)
Thailand Client Alert: Lists of Shareholders for All Purposes Must Be Submitted via DBD E-Filing Only
EMEA Healthcare and Life Sciences Newsletter – April 2020
Hong Kong Financial Services Client Alert: Important Obligations Under the COVID-19 Outbreak
NA Franchising Client Alert: Rules Issued for Paycheck Protection Program: Things Prospective Borrowers Should Know
Vietnam Dispute Resolution Client Alert: Supreme Court extends the temporary suspension on receiving direct petitions and refrainment from opening court hearings until April 15 due to COVID-19 outbreak
Russia Investments Client Alert: New incentives for major investments (Eng. and Russ.)

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WTO COVID-19 Trade and Trade-Related Measures

The WTO has created a [dedicated page](#) on the WTO website to provide up-to-the minute trade-related information including relevant notifications by WTO members, the impact the virus has had on exports and imports and how WTO

activities have been affected by the pandemic. The following list contains notifications posed by the WTO after March 31, 2020. For earlier notifications see the WTO webpage or our April 2020 International Trade Compliance Update.

Abbreviations: TFA=Trade Facilitation Agreement, SPS=sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, QR= Quantitative Restrictions, TBT= Technical Barriers to Trade, MA=Market Access, ER=Agriculture Transparency (dd-mm-yyyy)

Date	Member	Measure	Type
31-03-20	Canada	Measures to facilitate the importation of vital medical supplies and provide cash flow and liquidity support to importers (G/MA/W/145)	MA
	European Union	Temporary flexibility option for control authorities to use inter alia remote communication and electronically submitted documents for checks, in view of the situation linked to COVID-19. (G/SPS/N/EU/380)	SPS
	North Macedonia	Temporary prohibition to export wheat and meslin, as well as wheat flour, taken in the emergency situation due to the COVID-19, to protect human health and prevent relieve critical shortage of essential products. (G/MA/QR/N/MKD/1)	QR
	Ukraine	Establishes exceptional and temporary procedure for the processing of applications and issue of notices for placing on the market of personal protective equipment, medical devices, in vitro diagnostic medical devices, active implantable medical devices, in respect of which the requirements of respective technical regulations are not met, but the use of which is necessary to protect health due to the COVID-19 pandemic. (G/TBT/N/UKR/162)	TBT
01-04-20	Chile	Measures related to phytosanitary certificates adopted to facilitate trade, due to problems caused by the pandemia of COVID-19. (G/SPS/GEN/1770)	SPS
	Colombia	Measures to restrict the export of certain goods necessary to meet the prevent critical shortages of essential commodities and protect the health of the population (G/MA/QR/N/COL/1)	QR
	Colombia	Temporary elimination of MFN duties (G/MA/W/146)	MA
	North Macedonia	Temporary prohibition on exports of wheat and meslin, as well as wheat flour, taken in the emergency situation due to the COVID-19, to protect human health and prevent relieve critical shortage of essential products. (G/AG/N/MKD/26)	ER
	Thailand	Due to the global outbreak of COVID-19, Thailand extended the temporary export prohibitions adopted with the aim to prevent the critical shortage of food stuffs up to 30 April 2020. (G/MA/QR/N/THA/2/Add.3)	QR
		Due to the global outbreak of COVID-19, Thailand extended the temporary export prohibitions adopted with the aim to prevent the critical shortage of food stuffs up to 30 April 2020 (G/AG/N/THA/107/Add.1)	ER
02-04-20	Brazil	This resolution establishes temporary and exceptional criteria and procedure for the sale of antiseptic preparations and sanitizers due to the international public health emergency related to the SARS-CoV-2. (G/TBT/N/BRA/996).	TB
	Peru	El presente documento tiene por objeto establecer las especificaciones técnicas, con el objeto de definir los requisitos de diseño y confección de una "mascarilla facial textil" de uso comunitario. (G/TBT/N/PER/120)	TBT
	Russian Federation	Imports of goods, subject to veterinary and phytosanitary control, allowed with a copy of accompanying veterinary and phytosanitary documents provided by cargo receiver whenever a prior notification from the competent authority of exporting country is received, along with a guarantee letter from the cargo receiver confirming that it submits original documents after their receipt to the relevant Ros-selkhoz nadzor territorial unit. (G/SPS/N/RUS/184)	SPS
05-04-20	Costa Rica	Authorisation for officials of the National Animal Health Service and of the State Phytosanitary Service to review documents on the basis of copies, print-outs or photocopies of the original documents in order not to unduly delay trade flows during the international epidemiological emergency of COVID-19. (G/SPS/N/CRI/230)	SPS
06-04-20	Australia	Alternative arrangements to the use of original paper phytosanitary certificates due the impacts of COVID-19 on airfreight and courier mail. (G/SPS/N/AUS/497)	SPS
07-04-20	European Union	Notification of an urgency measure of temporary application making the exportation of certain products subject to the production of an export authorization (G/MA/QR/N/EU/4/Add.1)	QR
	Kenya	In pursuant to the declaration of Coronavirus (COVID-19) as a global pandemic and in line with the requirements of the applicable Kenya standards and the codes	TBT

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		of practice for inspection, the importation of second-hand/used garments and used footwear (Mitumba) into Kenyan territory is prohibited until further notice. (G/TBT/N/KEN/999)	
08-04-20	Brazil	Considering the Covid-19 pandemic situation, the Brazilian Plant Protection Organization decided to implement electronic signature in the Phytosanitary Certificates. (G/SPS/N/BRA/1642)	SPS
	European Union	The attached revised notification from the EU contains updates of a number of temporary measures that the EU has adopted in response to the COVID 19 pandemic (G/TFA/N/EU/1/Rev.2)	TFA
	South Africa	Alternative arrangements to the use of original paper phytosanitary certificates due the impacts of COVID-19 on airfreight and courier mail services. (G/SPS/N/ZAF/66)	SPS
	United States	Extension of Comment Period on the proposed rule “Laboratory Accreditation for Analyses of Foods” due to the recent COVID-19 public health declaration. (G/SPS/N/USA/3135/Add.2)	SPS
13-04-20	Canada	In light of the unprecedented demand and urgent need for products that can help limit the spread of COVID-19, Health Canada is facilitating access to products that may not fully meet current regulatory requirements, as an interim measure (G/TBT/N/CAN/609)	TBT
	Egypt	Measures to temporary prohibit exports of a number of products in response to the COVID-19 emergency situation (G/MA/QR/N/EGY/1)	QR
	Korea, Republic of	Measures to facilitate the importation of surgical and sanitary mask supplies to importers (G/MA/W/147)	MA
		Temporary export prohibition necessary to protect human health and prevent critical shortage of essential products in response to COVID-19 (G/MA/QR/N/KOR/2/Add.1)	QR
	Kuwait, State of	This Standard specifies a test method simulating practical conditions for establishing whether a product for surgical handrub and handwash reduces the release of resident and eventually present transient microbial flora on hands when used for the treatment of clean hands of volunteers (G/TBT/N/KWT/536)	TBT
		This Standard specifies a harmonized nomenclature for typical components of respiratory protective devices (G/TBT/N/KWT/533)	TBT
		This Standard specifies a test method and the minimum requirements for bactericidal activity of chemical disinfectant and antiseptic products that form a homogeneous, physically stable preparation when diluted with hard water or — in the case of ready-to-use products — with water (G/TBT/N/KWT/534)	TBT
		This Standard specifies a test method simulating practical conditions for establishing whether a product for hygienic handwash reduces the release of transient microbial flora on hands when used to wash the artificially contaminated hands of volunteers (G/TBT/N/KWT/535)	TBT
		This Standard specifies the procedure for testing particle filter penetration for respiratory protective devices (G/TBT/N/KWT/538)	TBT
	Switzerland	The general rulings of the Notification Authority for Chemicals grant a general authorisation for placing certain disinfectants on the basis of alcohol or active chlorine on the market. The authorisations are limited until 31 August 2020 (G/TBT/N/CHE/244)	TBT
	Ukraine	In order to prevent a critical shortage of foodstuff the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine has adopted the Resolution No. 260 of 2 April 2020 “On Amending Annex I of the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 24 December 2019 No. 1109” that imposes export prohibition on certain food products (G/AG/N/UKR/37)	
14-04-20	Chile	Simplification of import and export procedures as a result of COVID-19 (G/MA/W/148)	MA
	Dominican Republic	Temporary measures to support the Pharmaceutical Industry (G/MA/W/149)	MA
	Ecuador	Electronic phytosanitary certificates to facilitate trade, in relation to problems caused by the COVID-19 pandemic (G/SPS/GEN/1771)	SPS
	Georgia	Due to the COVID-19, the Government of Georgia restricted the exportation and re-exportation of certain pharmaceutical products and medical devices temporarily (G/MA/QR/N/GEO/2/Add.1)	QR

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	Indonesia	Due to the Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic which has spread widely and caused disruption in international trade including the fulfilment of imported raw materials for food and drink products, Ministry of Industry has issued Circular Letter No. 5 of 2020 dated 7 April 2020 regarding Temporary Exclusion to The Addition of Fortifying Substances for Wheat Flour (G/TBT/N/IDN/1/Add.4)	TBT	
		Due to the Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic which has spread widely and caused disruption in international trade including the fulfilment of imported raw materials for food and drink products, Minister of Agriculture has issued The Minister of Agriculture Decree No. 13 of 2020 dated 31 March 2020 regarding Temporary Suspension of Mandatory Indonesia National Standard for White Crystal Sugar (G/TBT/N/IDN/70/Add.1)	TBT	
		Due to the Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic which has spread widely and caused disruption in international trade including the fulfilment of imported raw materials for food and drink products, Minister of Industry has issued Circular Letter No. 6 of 2020 dated 7 April 2020 regarding Temporary Exclusion of Vitamin A and/or Pro Vitamin A Content in Palm Cooking Oil (G/TBT/N/IDN/77/Add.5)	TBT	
	Kuwait, State of	This Standard specifies minimum requirements for filtering half masks as respiratory protective devices to protect against particles except for escape purposes. Laboratory and practical performance tests are included for the assessment of compliance with the requirements (G/TBT/N/KWT/539)	TBT	
		This document specifies the general principles governing the biological evaluation of medical devices within a risk management process (G/TBT/N/KWT/540)	TBT	
		This document defines terms and specifies units of measurement for respiratory protective devices (RPDs), excluding diving apparatus. It indicates graphical symbols that can be required on RPDs, parts of RPD or instruction manuals in order to instruct the person(s) using the RPD as to its operation (G/TBT/N/KWT/541)	TBT	
		This Standard specifies a test method simulating practical conditions for establishing whether a product for hygienic handrub reduces the release of transient microbial flora on hands when rubbed onto the artificially contaminated hands of volunteers (G/TBT/N/KWT/542)	TBT	
		This International Standard defines the characteristics and use of a standard atmosphere for conditioning, for determining the physical and mechanical properties of textiles and a standard alternative atmosphere that may be used if agreed between parties (G/TBT/N/KWT/543)	TBT	
		This Standard specifies requirements for symbols used in medical device labeling that convey information on the safe and effective use of medical devices. It also lists symbols that satisfy the requirements of this document (G/TBT/N/KWT/544)	TBT	
		Specifies requirements and provides guidance on the enumeration and microbial characterization of the population of viable microorganisms on or in a health care product, component, raw material or package (G/TBT/N/KWT/546)	TBT	
		Describes a laboratory test method for measuring the resistance of medical face masks to penetration by a splash of synthetic blood (G/TBT/N/KWT/547)	TBT	
	United States	This document specifies construction, design, performance requirements and test methods for medical face masks intended to limit the transmission of infective agents from staff to patients during surgical procedures and other medical settings with similar requirements (G/TBT/N/KWT/548)	TBT	
		Interim final rule with comment — The Department of Health and Human Service (HHS) is publishing this interim final rule to update the regulatory requirements used by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) to test and approve air-purifying particulate respirators for use in the ongoing public health emergency (G/TBT/N/USA/1602)	TBT	
	15-04-20	Australia	Temporary measure to prevent non-commercial exports of personal protective equipment and sanitisers essential to combatting the COVID-19 pandemic (G/MA/QR/N/AUS/3/Add.1)	QR
		Bangladesh	Due to the global outbreak of COVID-19 and critical shortage of the products, Bangladesh adopted measures to ensure adequacy of the products vital tools for tackling the pandemic (G/MA/QR/N/BGD/1)	QR
Brazil		This Resolution establishes criteria for the import of products for in vitro diagnosis of Coronavirus during the Public Health Emergency of International Concern due to the new Coronavirus (Covid-19). (G/TBT/N/BRA/1000)	TBT	

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	Chinese Taipei	Temporary Alternative Arrangements of the Presentation of Original Veterinary and Phytosanitary Certificates in the Condition of COVID-19 Pandemic (G/SPS/N/TPKM/526)	SPS
	New Zealand	Declaration on Trade in Essential Goods for Combating the COVID-19 Pandemic (G/C/W/777)	CGT
		Measures to ensure the free flow of Trade in Essential Goods for Combating the Covid-19 pandemic (G/MAW/150, G/C/W/778)	MA
	Philippines	Department of Agriculture Bureau of Animal Industry Memorandum Circular No. 10 Series of 2020, Acceptance of Electronic Export Health Certificate During the Enhanced Community Quarantine Period (G/SPS/N/PHL/458)	SPS
		Department of Agriculture Memorandum Circular 13 Series of 2020, Guidance in the Acceptance of Electronic Export Health Certificate During the Enhanced Community Quarantine Period (G/SPS/N/PHL/459)	SPS
		Department of Agriculture Bureau of Plant Industry COVID-19, Enhanced Community Quarantine Advisory (G/SPS/N/PHL/460)	SPS
	Singapore	Declaration on Trade in Essential Goods for Combating the COVID-19 Pandemic (G/C/W/777)	CGT
	Singapore	Declaration on Trade in Essential Goods for Combating the COVID-19 Pandemic (G/MAW/151, G/C/W/779)	MA
	South Africa	Temporary changes to certification requirements for imported live animals and animal products/by-products (G/SPS/N/ZAF/67)	SPS
	Switzerland	The Articles 4l to 4o of the Ordinance No. 2 on measures to combat the coronavirus (COVID-19) introduce temporary exemptions from the authorisation requirements as well as import requirements for placing medicinal products on the market. Equally, temporary exemptions from the conformity assessment procedures for medical devices and personal protective equipment are introduced. The aim of these temporary exemptions is to ensure an adequate supply of medicinal products, medical devices and personal protective equipment at times of COVID-19 (G/TBT/N/CHE/245)	TBT
16-04-20	Costa Rica	Introduction of export licences for specific products, given the risk of shortages due to the health emergency caused by COVID-19 disease (G/MA/QR/N/CRI/3/Add.1)	QR
19-04-20	Russian Federation	Lift of the provisional restriction on imports to the Russian Federation and transit through its territory of live hydrobionts due to changes in assessment of the epizootic situation with Covid-19 in China. (G/SPS/N/RUS/178/Add.1)	SPS
21-04-20	Indonesia	Requirement for a Certificate of Declaration free from COVID-19 (SARS-Cov-2) and a Certification of Laboratory Analysis that the consignment (live animals) has tested negative for COVID-19 (SARS-Cov-2) from accredited laboratory or authorised laboratory in the importing country for any importation of live animals (pet animals and mammals) from an importing country that is not free from COVID-19 (G/SPS/N/IDN/133)	SPS
	Philippines	Revisions to the contact details of the National Veterinary Quarantine Service Division (G/SPS/N/PHL/458/Corr.1)	SPS
		Revisions to the contact details of the National Veterinary Quarantine Service Division (G/SPS/N/PHL/459/Corr.1)	SPS
22-04-20	Namibia	Due to the global pandemic and spread of COVID-19 or the Corona Virus and measures individual countries have taken to limit exports of alcohol based hand sanitizers to Namibia, it is an important national security objective towards the protection of human health and safety that Namibia distills its own alcohol and prepares according to the relevant standards alcohol based hand sanitizers as a matter of urgency (G/TBT/N/NAM/2)	TBT
	Japan	Procedure for temporary measures to accept scanned or hard copies of export certificates (G/SPS/N/JPN/755)	SPS
	Canada	Bill C-13 (An Act respecting certain measures in response to COVID-19) amends Canada's Patent Act to empower the Commissioner of Patents, on the application of the Minister of Health, to authorize the Government of Canada or another specified person to supply a patented invention to the extent necessary to respond to a public health emergency that is a matter of national concern (IP/N/1/CAN/30)	TRIP
23-04-20	Switzerland	Relaxation of labelling requirements for food products for a time limited period of six months (G/SPS/N/CHE/84)	SPS

Date	Member	Measure	Type
		Due to the COVID-19 pandemic certain food ingredients and packaging material may be in short supply. To provide food manufacturers more flexibility and to avoid reduced availability of foodstuffs for consumers, the labelling requirements for food products are relaxed for a time limited period of six months. (G/TBT/N/CHE/246)	TBT
26-04-20	Kuwait, State of	This Standard specifies particle filters for use as components in unassisted respiratory protective devices with the exception of escape apparatus and filtering face-pieces. Laboratory tests are included for the assessment of compliance with the requirements. Some filters complying with this Standard may also be suitable for use with other types of respiratory protective devices and, if so, shall be tested and marked according to the appropriate Standard (G/TBT/N/KWT/549)	TBT
	Brazil	The Resolution — RDC number 352, 20 March 2020 — previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/994 – which establishes previous authorization for the export of chloroquine, hydroxychloroquine, and azithromycin and its salts devoted to the efforts against Covid-19, was changed by the Resolution – RDC number 370, 13 April 2020 (G/TBT/N/BRA/994/Add.1)	TBT
	Argentina	Measures concerning phytosanitary certificates aimed at the facilitation of trade in view of issues arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. (G/SPS/GEN/1772)	SPS
27-04-20	United States	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), located within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), announces that it is extending the 31 March 2020 deadline for submissions required under the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act (FCLAA) and the Comprehensive Smokeless Tobacco Health Education Act (CSTHEA) for cigarette and smokeless tobacco products, respectively. CDC also announces that it is extending the deadline for ingredient reports for new products that are due at the time of first importation. Previous notices announced that ingredient reports are due annually on 31 March, and/or upon initial importation of cigarettes and/or smokeless tobacco products. Due to the current public health response to COVID-19, CDC is not able to accept any ingredient submissions and will not be issuing Certificates of Compliance at this time. (G/TBT/N/USA/1519/Add.3)	TBT
	Egypt	Measures to temporary prohibit exports of a number of products in response to the COVID-19 emergency situation (G/MA/QR/N/EGY/1/Rev.1)	QR
29-04-20	Indonesia	Validation of Electronic/Digital/Scanned of Phytosanitary Certificate from Indonesia (G/SPS/N/IDN/134)	SPS
		Requirement for a Certificate of Declaration free from COVID-19 (SARS-Cov-2) and a Certification of Laboratory Analysis that the consignment (live animals) has tested negative for COVID-19 (SARS-Cov-2) from accredited laboratory or authorised laboratory in the importing country for any importation of live animals (pet animals and mammals) from an exporting country/country of origin that is not free from COVID-19 (G/SPS/N/IDN/133/Corr.1)	SPS
	Mexico	Measures concerning phytosanitary certificates aimed at the facilitation of trade in view of issues arising from the COVID-19 pandemic (G/SPS/GEN/1773)	SPS
	China	The attached revised notification from China under the TFA contains updates of temporary measures China has adopted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. (G/TFA/N/CHN/2/Rev.3)	TFA
	Brazil	Corrected full text of the Resolution — RDC number 370, 13 April 2020 (G/TBT/N/BRA/994/Add.1/Corr.1)	TBT
	Jamaica	This Jamaican Standard prescribes the requirements for alcohol based instant hand sanitizers. The standard does not cover non-alcohol based hand sanitizers (G/TBT/N/JAM/93)	TBT

WCO Covid-19 Temporary Import-Export Measures

WCO list of temporary import measures

This is a list of national legislation (including circulars and instructions) of countries that adopted temporary import support (lowering or waiving of direct and indirect duties and taxes) on certain categories of critical medical supplies in response to COVID-19. The list is not exhaustive and is regularly updated by the

WCO based on the official information provided by countries. Listings from earlier Updates are included. For a complete list see the WCO [Web Page](#).

Country	Language	Title	Entry into Force	Upload Date
Argentina	Spanish	Disposición No. 5/2020 Subsecretaría de Política y Gestión Comercial - Ministerio de Desarrollo Productivo (Provision No.5/2020, Subsecretariat of Policy and Trade Management, Ministry of Production)	18-03-20	01-04-20
		Resolución No. 114/2020 de Ministerio de Desarrollo Productivo (Resolution No.114/2020, Ministry of Production)	20-03-20	
		Resolución No. 118/2020 de Ministerio de Desarrollo Productivo (Resolution No.118/2020, Ministry of Production)	23-03-20	
Azerbaijan	Azerbaijani	Cabinet of Ministers Resolution No 84 on the amendments in import and export Customs duties within the nomenclature of the foreign economic activity of Azerbaijan republic, approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Azerbaijan Republic on 17 November 2017, No.500	05-03-20	21-04-20
		Azərbaycan Respublikası Prezidentinin 2017-ci il 2 noyabr tarixli 1654 nömrəli Fərmanı ilə təsdiq edilmiş "İdxal əlavə dəyər vergisindən azad edilən xammal və materialların siyahısı"nda dəyişiklik edilməsi haqqında Azərbaycan Respublikası Prezidentinin Fərmanı (Decree of the President of Azerbaijan N974 dated 27 March 2020, On Amending the List of Imported Raw Materials Exempt from the Value-Added Tax)	27-03-20	28-04-20
Brazil	Portuguese	Resolução No. 17/2020, Ministerio da Economia/Camara de Comercio Exterior/Comité-Executivo de Gestão (Resolution No.17.2020, Ministry of Economy/Chamber of Foreign Trade/Executive Management Committee)	18-03-20	01-04-20
		Secex Portaria No. 18/2020 (Secex Ordinance No.18/2020)	23-03-20	
		Resolução No. 22/2020, Ministerio da Economia/Camara de Comercio Exterior/Comité-Executivo de Gestão (Resolution No.22.2020, Ministry of Economy/Chamber of Foreign Trade/Executive Management Committee)	26-03-20	02-04-20
Canada	English	Customs Notice 20-08 on the use of the Goods for Emergency Use Remission Order ("the Order"), (C.R.C., c. 768), and application of Tariff Item No. 9993.00.00 of the Customs Tariff in response to the COVID-19 pandemic	16-03-20	01-04-20
	French	Avis des douanes 20-08 sur l'application du Décret de remise à l'égard de marchandises devant être utilisées dans des cas d'urgence (« le décret ») (C.R.C., ch. 768) et du numéro tarifaire 9993.00.00 du Tarif des douanes en réponse à la pandémie de COVID-19	26-03-20	
China	Chinese	Announcement of the State Council Tariff Commission regarding the second exemption list of tariffs regarding the United States and Canada, Tax Commission announcement 2020, No. 3	28-03-20	01-04-20
Colombia	Spanish	Decreto N ° 410/2020 del 16 Mar 2020 por el cual se modifica el arancel de aduanas para la importación de productos necesarios para afrontar la emergencia sanitaria provocada por el coronavirus COVID-19 (Decree No.410/2020 of 16 March 2020, which amends the import duties on the products necessary to face the sanitary emergency provoked by COVID-19)	16-03-20	
Costa Rica	Spanish	Decreto Ejecutivo No. 42271-H (Executive Decree No. 42271-H)	29-03-20	21-04-20
Dominican Republic	Spanish	Aviso sobre la eliminación temporal de impuestos arancelarios e Impuesto sobre Transferencias de Bienes (IVA) a los artículos contenidos en las subpartidas 6210.10.00, 4015.19.11, 6307.90.30 y 9019.20.00 (Notice on the temporary waiving of Customs duty and Tax on Transfers of Goods (VAT) to the articles contained in subheadings 6210.10.00, 4015.19.11, 6307.90.30 and 9019.20.00)	02-04-20	06-04-20
Ecuador	Spanish	Comité de Comercio Exterior, Resolución 004-2020 (Foreign Trade Committee, Resolution 004-2020)	22-03-20	01-04-20
El Salvador	Spanish	Decreto No.604, Asamblea legislativa, Republica El Salvador (Decree No, 604 of the Legislative Assembly, Republic of El Salvador)	20-03-20	09-04-20

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Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) ¹	Russian	Решение Совета ЕЭК № 21 "О внесении изменений в некоторые решения Комиссии Таможенного союза и об утверждении перечня товаров, ввозимых на таможенную территорию Евразийского экономического союза в целях реализации государствами – членами Евразийского экономического союза мер, направленных на предупреждение и предотвращение распространения коронавирусной инфекции 2019-nCoV" (Decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission No 21 "On the modifications of some Decisions of the Commission of the Customs Union and on the approval of the list of goods, imported into the customs territory of the EAEU with the objective of the implementation of measures to prevent the spread of the 2019-nCoV by the Member States of the EAEU)	16-03-20	07-04-20
European Union	All EU languages	Commission Decision C(2020) 2146 final of 3.4.2020 on relief from import duties and VAT exemption on importation granted for goods needed to combat the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak during 2020	30-01-20 ²	06-04-20
Fiji	English	Ministry of Economy: Economic and Fiscal Update Supplement to the COVID-19 Response Budget Address	26-03-20	21-04-20
India	English	Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Notification No.20/2020 - Customs	09-04-20	14-04-20
Indonesia	Indonesian	Ministry of Trade, Regulation No.28 of 2020 on Accelerating Importation of Medical Devices and Personal Protection	23-03-20	09-04-20
Korea (Republic of)	Korean	Presidential Decree No.30538, Regulations on the application of quotas under Article 71 of the Customs Act	18-03-20	21-04-20
Malaysia	Malay	Makluman, Jabatan Kastam Diraja Malaysia, Pengecualian duti import dan cukai jualan ke atas topeng muka (Alert, Royal Malaysian Customs Department. Exemption from import duty on face masks)	20-03-20	28-04-20
		Makluman, Jabatan Kastam Diraja Malaysia, Pengecualian duti import, duti eksais dan cukai jualan untuk bahan mentah kepada pengilang hand sanitizer (Alert, Royal Malaysian Customs Department. Exemption from import and excise duty, and sales tax on raw materials for hand sanitizers)	30-03-20	
Mauritius	English	Mauritius Revenue Authority, Amendments to the integrated tariff with respect to the applicable rates of VAT to masks and hand sanitizer	24-03-20	
New Zealand	English	New Zealand Customs Service. Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No.11) 2020	25-03-20	03-04-20
		Declaration on trade in essential goods for combating the COVID-19 pandemic	15-04-20	21-04-20
Panama	Spanish	Consejo de Gabinete, Decreto de Gabinete No.7 de 19 marzo 2020 Que modifica incisos arancelarios en el Arancel Nacional del importacion y dicta otras disposiciones (Cabinet Council, Cabinet Decree No.7 of 19 March 2020 That modifies tariff subsections in the National Import Tariffs and dictates other provisions)	19-03-20	09-04-20
Paraguay	Spanish	Presidencia de la República del Paraguay, Ministerio de Hacienda, Decreto no 3447, por el cual se modifica, en forma parcial, el anexo del decreto n° 6655, del 30 de diciembre de 2016, y sus decretos modificatorios, para el ajuste de aranceles de importación de insumos médicos sensibles para la prevención y mitigación del coronavirus (co vid-19) (Presidency of the Republic of Paraguay, Ministry of Finance, Decree no.3447 which partially adjusts the Appendix of the Decree n° 6655, December 30, 2016, and its amending Decrees, for the adjustment of import tariffs of sensitive medical supplies for prevention and mitigation of the coronavirus (co vid-19))	20-03-20	01-04-20
		Decreto No.3474 Por el cual se proroga el plazo establecido en el artículo 2° del decreto n° 2505 del 12 de setiembre de 2019, «por el cual se modifica en forma parcial el anexo del decreto n° 6655, del 30 de diciembre de 2016 y sus decretos modificatorios» (Decree No.3474 that extends the term established in Art.2 of the Decree No. 2505 of 12 September 2019, "for which the Anex of the Decree No.665 of 30 December 2016 and its amending Decrees are partially modified")	20-03-20	09-04-20

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		Decreto No.3477 Por el cual se dispone un régimen especial en el impuesto al valor agregado (iva) sobre determinados productos sensibles, en el marco de la emergencia epidemiológica (Decree No. 3477 establishing a special VAT regime on products deemed sensitive within the framework of the epidemiological emergency)	20-03-20	
		Decreto 3529/20, Por el cual se modifica, en forma parcial, el anexo al Decreto n° 6655 del 30 de diciembre de 2016 y sus Decretos modificatorios; y se amplía la nómina de productos beneficiados por el Decreto n° 3477 del 20 de marzo de 2020, «por el cual se dispone un régimen especial en el impuesto al valor agregado (iva) sobre determinados productos sensibles, en el marco de la emergencia epidemiológica» (By which the annex to the Decree n° 6655 of December 30, 2016 and its modified decrees is partially modified; and the product list of Decree no. 3477 of March 20, 2020, «by which a special regime is provided in the value tax added (vat) on certain sensitive products, in the framework of the epidemiological emergency » is expanded)	13-04-20	16-04-20
Peru	Spanish	Ministerio de Economía y Finanzas, Decreto Supremo N° 051-2020-EF, Establecen tasa de derechos arancelarios aplicable a la importación de bienes vinculados a la declaratoria de Emergencia Sanitaria (Ministry of Economy and Finance, Supreme Decree No.051-2020-EF, Establishing the rate of Customs duties applicable at import of the commodities linked to the Sanitary Emergency)	13-03-20	28-04-20
		Ministerio de Economía y Finanzas, Decreto Supremo N° 059-2020-EF, Sustituyen el Anexo 1 del Decreto Supremo N° 051-2020-EF que establece tasa de derechos arancelarios aplicable a la importación de bienes vinculados a la declaratoria de emergencia sanitaria (Ministry of Economy and Finance, Supreme Decree No.059-2020-EF Substituting the Annex 1 of the Supreme Decree No 051-2020-EF that establishes the rate of Customs duties applicable at import of the commodities linked to the Sanitary Emergency)	28-03-20	
Philippines	English	Republic Act No. 11469 Declaring the Existence of a National Emergency Arising from the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation and a National Policy in Connection Therewith, and Authorizing the President of the Republic of the Philippines for a Limited Period and Subject to Restrictions, to Exercise Powers Necessary and Proper to Carry Out the Declared National Policy and For Other Purposes	25-03-20	01-04-20
Russian Federation	Russian	Постановление правительства Российской Федерации от 2 апреля 2020 г. № 419 (Decree of the government of the Russian Federation dated 2 April 2020, No.419)	02-04-20	28-04-20
Serbia	Serbian	Одлука 48/2020-4 о условима за изузимање од плаћања царинских дажбина за одређену робу, Службени гласник РС, број 48 од 31. марта 2020 (Decision 48/2020-4 on the conditions for exemption from the payment of Customs duties on certain goods, RS Official Gazette, Issue 48, 31 March, 2020)	31-03-20	
Singapore	English	Declaration on trade in essential goods for combating the COVID-19 pandemic	15-04-20	21-04-20
Turkey	Turkish	İthalat Rejimi Kararına Ek Karar, Karar Sayısı: 2284 (Additional Decision to the Import Regime Decision, No.2284)	25-03-20	29-04-20
		İthalat Rejimi Kararına Ek Kararda Değişiklik Yapılmasına İlişkin Karar (Karar Sayısı: 2285, Decision regarding the Amendment of the Additional Decision on Import Regime, No.2285)		
		İthalat Rejimi Kararına Ek Kararda Değişiklik Yapılmasına İlişkin Karar (Karar Sayısı: 2286, Decision regarding the Amendment of the Additional Decision on Import Regime, No.2286)		
Ukraine	Ukrainian	Кабінет Міністрів України, Постанова 224 від 20 березня 2020 "Про затвердження переліку лікарських засобів, медичних виробів та/або медичного обладнання, необхідних для здійснення заходів,	20-03-20	16-04-20

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		спрямованих на запобігання виникненню і поширенню, локалізацію та ліквідацію спалахів, епідемії та пандемії коронавірусної хвороби (COVID-19), які звільняються від сплати ввізного мита та операції з ввезення яких на митну територію України звільняються від оподаткування податком на додану вартість " (Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, Resolution No 224 of 20 March 2020, On the list of medicines, medical products and/or equipment needed to implement the activities aimed at prevention of distribution, localisation and liquidation of outbreaks of the COVID-19, that are free from import duty and these operations are free from VAT at the importation onto the territory of Ukraine)		
United Kingdom	English	Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, Guidance: Pay no import duty and VAT on medical supplies, equipment and protective garments	31-03-20	01-04-20
United States	English	Office of the United States Trade Representative, Notice of product exclusions: China's acts, policies, and practices related to technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation. Federal Register/Vol. 85, No. 47 FR No. 13970 (10 March 2020)	01-09-19 ³	03-04-20
		Office of the United States Trade Representative, Notice of Product Exclusions: China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation. Federal Register/Vol. 85, No. 51 FR No. 1505 (16 March 2020)	24-09-18 ⁴	
		Office of the United States Trade Representative, Notice of Product Exclusions: China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation. Federal Register/Vol. 85, No. 52 FR No. 15244 (17 March 2020)	01-09-19 ⁵	
		Office of the United States Trade Representative, Request for Comments on Additional Modifications to the 301 Action To Address COVID-19: China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation. Federal Register/Vol. 85, No. 58 FR No. 16987 (25 March 2020)	25-03-20	
Uruguay	Spanish	Ministerio de Economía y Finanzas, Resolución, Régimen de importación 2020/05/001/60/104 (Ministry of Economy and Finance, Resolution, Import regime 2020/05/001/60/104)	24-03-20	01-04-20
Zimbabwe	English	Customs and Excise (General) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020 (No. 101)	30-03-20	21-04-20

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³Published on 10 March 2020, effective retroactively from 1.09.2019.

⁴Published on 16 March 2020, effective retroactively from 24.09.2018.

⁵Published on 17 March 2020, effective retroactively from 1.09.2019.

WCO list of temporary export restrictions

This is a list of national legislation (including circulars and instructions) of countries that adopted temporary export restrictions on certain categories of critical medical supplies in response to COVID-19. The list is not exhaustive and is regularly updated by the WCO based on the official information provided by countries. Listings from earlier Updates are included. For a complete list see the WCO [Web Page](#).

Country	Language	Title	Entry into Force	Upload Date
Albania	Albanian	Urdhër Nr. 131, datë 8.3.2020, Për ndalimin e eksportit të barnave dhe të pajisjeve mjekësore (Order (of the Minister of Health and Social Protection) No. 131 "On prohibition of export of medicines and medical equipment", dated on 8.3.2020)	08-03-20	01-04-20

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Algeria	French	Direction Générale des Douanes, Instruction No. 111/PM de 22.03.2020 (Directorate-General of Customs, Instruction No 111/PM of 22.03.2020)	22-03-20	
Argentina	Spanish	Decreto 301/2020 (Decree 301/2020)	19-03-20	24-03-20
Armenia	Armenian	ՈՐՈՇԱԿԻ ԱՊՐԱՆՔՆԵՐԻ ՀԱՍԱՐ ԱՐՏԱՀԱՆՍԱՆ ԵՎ ՆԵՐՍՈՒԾԱՆ ԺԱՄԱՆԱԿՎՈՐ ՍԱՀՄԱՆՓՈՎՎՈՒՄՆԵՐԻ ԵՎ ՊԱՐԵՏԻ 2020 ԹՎԱԿԱՆԻ ՄԱՐՏԻ 19-Ի N 6 ԵՎ 2020 ԹՎԱԿԱՆԻ ՄԱՐՏԻ 22-Ի N 12 ՈՐՈՇՈՒՄՆԵՐՆ ՈՒԺԸ ԿՈՐՑՐԱԾ ՃԱՆԱՉԵԼՈՒ ՄԱՍԻՆ (Temporary import and export limitations for certain commodities as well recognition of expiration of the Com-mandant's decrees No 6 of 19 March 2020 and No 12 from 22 March 2020)	03-04-20	14-04-20
Australia	English	Australian Customs Notice No.2020/15. Export control on goods es-sential to controlling and preventing the spread of COVID-19	30-03-20	03-04-20
Belarus	Russian	Постановление Совета Министров Республики Беларусь от 17 марта 2020 г. № 149	17-03-20	26-03-20
	English	Resolution of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus No.149, 17 March 2020	17-03-20	14-04-20
Bulgaria	Bulgarian	Заповед 8В-01-141/20.03.2020. Забранява се износът на лекарства на хининова основа (Decree 8B0-01-141/20.03.2020 on the export ban on quinine based medicines)	20-03-20	
Brazil	Portuguese	Portaria Secex 16 de 2020 (Secex Ordinance No.16 of 2020)	18-03-20	24-03-20
		Noticia Siscomex Exportação 8/2020 (Siscomex Export Notice 8/2020)	18-03-20	
Colombia	Spanish	Decreto numero 462 de 22 marzo 2020 (Decree number 462 of 22 March 2020)	22-03-20	
Costa Rica	Spanish	Ministerio de Hacienda, Directriz DGA-003-2020 (Ministry of Fi-nance Directive DGA 003-2020)	18-03-20	31-03-20
Czech re-public	Czech	Nařízení vlády 104/2020 SB o zákazu distribuce léčiv v souvislosti s epidemií viru SARS-CoV-2 (Government Regulation No. 104/2020 Coll., on prohibition of distribution of medical supplies in connection with the SARS-CoV-2 epidemic)	17-03-20	27-03-20
Ecuador	Spanish	Prohibición temporal de exportación de mascarillas de protec-ción (Temporary export prohibition on protective masks)	02-03-20	25-03-20
		Resolución no. 004-2020. Comité de comercio exterior (Resolution No.004-2020, Foreign Trade Committee)	22-03-20	09-04-20
Egypt	Arabic	Ministerial Decree No.187, Ministry of Trade and Industry	17-03-20	21-04-20
Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) ¹	Russian	Решение Коллегии Евразийской экономической комиссии № 41 О внесении изменений в Решение Евразийской экономической комиссии от 21 апреля 2015 г. № 30 "О методах нетарифного регулирования" (Decision of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission No.41 on the Modifications in the Decision of the Eura-sian Economic Commission dated on 21 April 2015 No.30 "On measures of non-tariff regulation")	25-03-20 ²	07-04-20
European Union	All EU lan-guages	Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/402	14-03-20	24-03-20
		Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/426 of 19 March 2020 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/402 making the exportation of certain products subject to the production of an export authorisation	19-03-20	27-03-20
Georgia	Georgian	Government decree N 649 on the Approval of the Amendments to the Decree on the Possible Prevention of the New Coronavirus in Georgia and the Approval of the Operational Response Plan for Cases of the New Coronavirus Disease	03-04-20	06-04-20
Hungary	Hungarian	OGYÉI / 18413-2 / 2020, Tájékoztatás hydroxychloroquine-sulfat hatóanyag és az annak felhasználásával gyártott gyógyszerek Ma-gyarország területéről kereskedelmi forgalmazás keretében történő kivételének tilalmáról (OGYÉI / 18413-2 / 2020, Announcement on prohibition of export from the territory of Hungary of the active sub-stance hydroxychloroquine-sulfat and medicinal products manufac-tured with the aid thereof)	24-03-20	27-03-20

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India	English	Notification No.47/2015-2020 on Amendment in Export Policy of Personal Protection Equipment/Masks	08-02-20	24-03-20
		Notification No.48/2015-2020 on the Amendment in Export Policy of Personal Protection Equipment/Masks	25-02-20	
		Notification No.50/2015-2020 on the Amendment in Export Policy of APIs and Formulations Made from These APIs	03-03-20	
		Notification No.52/2015-2020 on the Amendment in Export Policy of Masks, Ventilators, and Textile Raw Material for Masks and Coveralls	19-03-20	
		Notification No.53/2015-2020 on the Amendment in Export Policy of Ventilators including any artificial respiratory apparatus or oxygen therapy apparatus or any other breathing appliance/device and Sanitizers	24-03-20	
		Notification No.54/2015-2020 on the Amendment in Export Policy of Hydroxychloroquine	25-03-20	25-03-20
		Notification No.59/2015-2020 on the Amendment in Export Policy of Diagnostic Kits	04-04-20	09-04-20
		Notification No.02/2015-2020 on the Amendment in Export Policy of APIs and formulations made from these APIs	06-04-20	
Indonesia	Indonesian	Peraturan menteri perdagangan republik indonesia nomor 23 tahun 2020 tentang larangan sementara ekspor antiseptik, bahan baku masker, alat pelindung diri, dan masker (Regulation of the Minister of Trade of the Republic of Indonesia No 23/2020. Provisional Ban on Antiseptic Exports, Mask Raw Materials, Personal Protective Equipment, and Masks)	18-03-20	21-04-20
		Peraturan menteri perdagangan republik indonesia nomor 31 tahun 2020 tentang perubahan atas peraturan menteri perdagangan nomor 23 tahun 2020 tentang larangan sementara ekspor antiseptik, bahan baku masker, alat pelindung diri, dan masker (Regulation of the Ministry of Trade No 31/2020 regarding the Amendment to the Regulation of the Minister of Trade No. 23 of 2020 Concerning Temporary Prohibitions of Antiseptic Exports, Mask Raw Materials, Personal Protective Equipment and Masks)	31-03-20	
Iran	Persian	دفتر صادرات گمرک ایران به همه گمرکات اجرایی بخشنامه شماره 98/1584180 (بند 2) - اعلام ممنوعیت صادرات مواد اولیه تولید ماسک های پزشکی (Iran's Customs Export Office to all customs offices, Circular No. 98/1584180 (Paragraph 2) – on “Prohibition of the Export of Raw Materials for the Production of Medical Masks”)	26-02-20	14-04-20
		-سازمان توسعه تجارت ایران؛ دفتر مقررات صادرات و واردات بخشنامه شماره 60/325235 در خصوص اعلام ممنوعیت صادرات اقلام مورد نیاز وزارت بهداشت برای مقابله با کسترش ویروس کرونا (Trade Promotion Organization of Iran; Export and Import Regulations office, Circular number 60/325235 On “prohibition of the export of items required by the Ministry of Health to combat the spread of coronavirus”)	29-02-20	
		- دفتر صادرات گمرک ایران به همه گمرکات اجرایی-از طرف وزارت بهداشت بخشنامه شماره 3/99/11825 اعلام ممنوعیت صادرات تجهیزات پزشکی تولید داخل مورد نیاز جهت مدیریت و کنترل بحران کرونا به همراه لیست اقلام (Iran's Customs Export Office to all customs offices- by the Ministry of Health, Circular No. 3/99/11825 on the “Prohibition of Exporting Domestic Medical Equipment Required for Corona Crisis Management and Control”, with a list of the items)	30-03-20	
Kazakhstan	Russian, Kazakh	Приказ Председателя Комитета контроля качества безопасности товаров и услуг Министерства здравоохранения Республики Казахстан от 20 февраля 2020 года № 56-НК "О	20-02-20	25-03-20

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		запрете выдачи разрешений на вывоз средств индивидуальной защиты " (The Order of the Head of the Committee of the quality and safety control of goods and services of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan, 20 February 2020, No56-NK "On the ban to issuing licences for the export of the means of individual protection"		
Korea (Republic of)	Korean	Ministry of Food and Drug Safety Notice No. 2020-20, Urgent supply and demand adjustment measures for masks and hand sanitizers	06-03-20	21-04-20
Kyrgyzstan	Kyrgyz, Russian	Постановление правительства Кыргызской республики от 3 февраля 2020 г. "О введении временного запрета на экспорт лекарственных и медицинских средств из Кыргызской Республики" (Decree of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic of 3 February 2020 "On the introduction of the temporary export ban on medicines and medical equipment from the Kyrgyz Republic"	03-02-20	25-03-20
Malaysia	Malay	Perintah Kastam (Larangan mengenai eKsPort) (Pindaan) (no. 2) 2020 (Customs (Prohibition of Exports) (Amendment)(No.2) Order 2020)	20-03-20	27-03-20
Morocco	French	Ministère de l'Economie, des Finances et de la Réforme de l'Administration - Administration des Douanes et Impôts Indirects, Circulaire 6021/311 (Ministry of Economy, Finance and Administrative Reform, Customs and Indirect Tax Administration, Circular 6021/311)	03-03-20	31-03-20
		Ministère de l'Economie, des Finances et de la Réforme de l'Administration - Administration des Douanes et Impôts Indirects, Circulaire n°6024/311 du 13/03/2020 (Ministry of Economy, Finance and Administrative Reform - Customs and Indirect Tax Administration, Circular No 6024/311 of 13/03/2020)	13-03-20	14-04-20
Norway	Norwegian	Forskrift om tiltak for å sikre forsyningen av legemidler, medisinsk utstyr og personlig verneutstyr som følge av utbruddet av koronaviruset (Regulation on measures to ensure the supply of medicines, medical equipment and personal protective equipment following the outbreak of coronavirus)	30-03-20	31-03-20
Pakistan	English	Order S.R.O. 239(1)/2020 on amendment to the Export Policy Order 2016	24-03-20	
Paraguay	Spanish	Decreto No 3455 por el cual se crea el registro de exportadores y se establece el régimen de licencia previa de exportación de producciones e insumos medicos sensibles, en el marco de la emergencia epidemiológica (Decree 3455 on the creation of the export register and the licencing regime for the export of sensible medical products and supplies within the framework of the epidemiological emergency)	13-03-20	30-03-20
Russia	Russian	Постановление от 2 марта 2020 г. № 223 о введении временного запрета на вывоз отдельных видов продукции из Российской Федерации	02-03-20	25-03-20
	English	Order of the government of the Russian Federation No 223, of 2 March 2020, about the introduction of the temporary export ban on certain types of products from the Russian Federation	02-03-20	24-03-20
Serbia	Serbian	Decision on the Temporary Prohibition of Exports of Essential Commodities to the General Public ("Official Gazette of the RS", No.28/2020, 33/2020, 37/2020 and 39/2020)	14-03-20	
South Africa	English	Government Gazette, Vol.657, No. 43177, International Trade Administration Act (7/2002): COVID-19 Export Control Regulation	27-03-20	02-04-20
Switzerland	German	Verordnung 2 über Massnahmen zur Bekämpfung des Coronavirus	26-03-20	
	French	Ordonnance 2 sur les mesures destinées à lutter contre le coronavirus	26-03-20	26-03-20
	Italian	Ordinanza 2 sui provvedimenti per combattere il Coronavirus	26-03-20	
Thailand	Thai	Export controls for masks (medical masks, disposable masks for industry and disposable dust masks)	04-02-20	25-03-20
Turkey	Turkish	İhracı yasak ve ön izne bağlı mallara ilişkin tebliğ (ihracat: 96/31)'de değişiklik yapılmasına dair tebliğ (ihracat: 2020/4) (Notice (Export:2020/4) on the introduction of the modifications to the notice on	04-03-20	27-03-20

Country	Language	Title	Entry into Force	Upload Date
		goods, which export is prohibited or needs an additional licence (export : 96/31))		
Ukraine	Ukrainian	Постанова Кабінету Міністрів України № 214 від 11 березня 2020 (Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No.214 dated on 11 March 2020)	11-03-20	24-03-20
United Kingdom	English	Ban on parallel export of certain categories of medicines	20-03-20	26-03-20
United States	English	Federal Register Vol.85, No.70, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Temporary Final Rule 44 CFR Part 328, Prioritization and Allocation of Certain Scarce or Threatened Health and Medical Resources for Domestic Use	07-04-20	15-04-20
Vietnam	English	Decision No. 868/QĐ-BYT dated March 11, 2020 of the Ministry of Health on providing regulations on the grant of the export license for medical masks during the period of prevention and control of the COVID-19 epidemic	11-03-20	24-03-20

¹ The Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) is an international organization for regional economic integration. The Member-States of the Eurasian Economic Union are the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic and the Russian Federation.

² A disposition was adopted at the meeting of the Commission's Council held on 25 March 2020 ensuring that the Board's Decision becomes effective at the earliest opportunity.

WTO TBT Notifications

Member countries of the World Trade Organization (WTO) are required under the *Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade* (TBT Agreement) to report to the WTO all proposed technical regulations that could affect trade with other Member countries. The WTO Secretariat distributes this information in the form of "notifications" to all Member countries. This chart summarizes notifications in English posted by the WTO during the past month. If you are interested in obtaining copies of any of these notifications, please contact stuart.seidel@bakermckenzie.com who will try to obtain the text. Some notifications are only available in the official language of the country publishing the notification. *Note: All dates are given as mm-dd-yyyy; National flags are not scaled for relative comparison.*

Member	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 Australia	AUS/117	04/21/2020	06/20/2020	Miniature motorbikes (also known as 'mini bikes' or 'pocket bikes') - a vehicle which resembles a motorcycle but scaled down to about half the size, that is designed to be used by a single person, has a seat height no greater than 600 millimetres and has major dimensions which are scaled down in proportion to the seat height.; - Other (HS 871190)
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/574	04/14/2020	06/13/2020	Animal feeding stuffs
	BHR/575	04/24/2020	06/23/2020	Large Capacity Air-Conditioners
 Brazil	BRA/277/Add.5	03/31/2020	Not given	Fermented beverages (cider, perry, mead) (HS 2206)
	BRA/995	04/01/2020	Not given	Automotive vehicles, transport of dangerous products and natural gas
	BRA/993/Add.1	04/03/2020	Not given	HS Code(s): 2936, 2937, 3001, 3002, 3003, 3004, 3006 (medical devices)
	BRA/996	04/03/2020	Not given	HS Code(s): 33079090, 38089990, 3402 (antiseptic preparations, sanitizer)

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	BRA/900/Add.3	04/08/2020	Not given	HS CODE: 29; 30. (active pharmaceutical ingredients)
	BRA/904/Add.3	04/08/2020	Not given	HS CODE: 29; 30. (active pharmaceutical ingredients)
	BRA/905/Add.3	04/08/2020	Not given	HS CODE: 29; 30. (active pharmaceutical ingredients)
	BRA/972/Add.1	04/08/2020	Not given	Telecommunication equipment
	BRA/973/Add.1	04/08/2020	Not given	Telecommunication equipment
	BRA/974/Add.1	04/08/2020	Not given	Telecommunication equipment
	BRA/979/Add.1	04/08/2020	Not given	Telecommunication equipment
	BRA/980/Add.1	04/08/2020	Not given	Telecommunication equipment
	BRA/981/Add.1	04/08/2020	Not given	Telecommunication equipment
	BRA/982/Add.1	04/08/2020	Not given	Telecommunication equipment
	BRA/983/Add.1	04/08/2020	Not given	Femtocell and Residential Femtocell
	BRA/911/Add.2	04/09/2020	Not given	HS CODE: 98041000 (products of advanced therapies)
	BRA/997	04/09/2020	08/05/2020	Medicines, medical devices, personal hygiene products, cosmetics, perfumes, sanitizers, active pharmaceutical ingredients, and food HS Code(s): 2106, 29, 2936, 2937, 2941, 3303, 3304, 3305, 3306, 3307, 340111, 340130, 3402, 340119, 340120, 330290, 9616, 9619
	BRA/998	04/09/2020	05/21/2020	Telecommunication equipment
	BRA/999	04/14/2020	06/15/2020	HS Code(s): 10, 2106 (food containing cereals)
	BRA/858/Add.1	04/14/2020	Not given	Plants, medical products containing controlled substances
	BRA/1000	04/16/2020	Not given	HS Code(s): 3002300, 3822 (In vitro diagnosis products)
	BRA/998/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Telecommunication equipment
	BRA/1001	04/20/2020	Not given	Cartridges (HS 930621)
	BRA/1002	04/20/2020	Not given	Revolvers and pistols, other than those of heading 93.03 or 93.04 (HS 9302)
	BRA/962/Add.1	04/27/2020	Not given	HS Code 20.09; Chapter 22 Beverages, wines and derivatives of grape and wine
	BRA/967/Add.1	04/27/2020	Not given	Other sugars, including chemically pure lactose, maltose, glucose and fructose, in solid form; sugar syrups not containing added flavouring or colouring matter; artificial honey, whether or not mixed with natural honey; caramel (HS 1702); Extracts, essences and concentrates, of coffee, tea or maté and preparations with a basis of these products or with a basis of coffee, tea or maté; roasted chicory and other roasted coffee substitutes, and extracts, essences and concentrates thereof (HS 2101); Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured, and other non-alcoholic beverages, not including fruit or vegetable juices of heading 20.09 (HS 2202)
	BRA/983/Add.1/Corr.1	04/27/2020	Not given	Femtocell and Residential Femtocell
	BRA/985/Add.1	04/27/2020	Not given	Telecommunication equipment

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	BRA/994/Add.1	04/27/2020	Not given	HS Code(s): 3003; 3004; 3005; 3006; 2941 (pharmaceutical products)
	BRA/962/Add.1/Corr.1	04/30/2020	Not given	HS Code 20.09; Chapter 22 Beverages, wines and derivatives of grape and wine
	BRA/967/Add.1/Corr.1	04/30/2020	Not given	Other sugars, including chemically pure lactose, maltose, glucose and fructose, in solid form; sugar syrups not containing added flavouring or colouring matter; artificial honey, whether or not mixed with natural honey; caramel (HS 1702); Extracts, essences and concentrates, of coffee, tea or maté and preparations with a basis of these products or with a basis of coffee, tea or maté; roasted chicory and other roasted coffee substitutes, and extracts, essences and concentrates thereof (HS 2101); Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured, and other non-alcoholic beverages, not including fruit or vegetable juices of heading 20.09 (HS 2202)
	BRA/994/Add.1/Corr.1	04/30/2020	Not given	HS Code(s): 3003; 3004; 3005; 3006; 2941 (pharmaceutical products)
 Canada	CAN/609	04/15/2020	Not given	Hand sanitizers, disinfectants, personal protective equipment (such as masks and gowns) and swabs
	CAN/610	04/22/2020	07/03/2020	Radiocommunications Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) including radio interference
	CAN/611	04/28/2020	07/15/2020	Electronic smoking devices - HS Code 8543.70
 Chile	CHL/253/Add.3	04/01/2020	Not given	Portable fire extinguishers
	CHL/519	04/01/2020	05/31/2020	Genetically modified propagation material
 Ecuador	ECU/207/Add.2	04/03/2020	Not given	Absorbent paper products (HS 4818.10.00.00, 4818.30.00.00 and 4818.90.00.00)
	ECU/437/Rev.2	04/03/2020	Not given	Instantaneous or storage water heaters, non-electric: (HS 84191)
 European Communities	EEC/101/Add.4	04/22/2020	Not given	Agricultural and aquaculture products intended to be marketed as organic in the EU
 European Union	EU/708	04/01/2020	05/31/2020	Biocidal products
	EU/709	04/07/2020	06/06/2020	Tattoo inks or permanent make-up
	EU/710	04/17/2020	06/16/2020	Bromoxynil (pesticide active substance)
	EU/711	04/17/2020	06/16/2020	Minerals
	EU/712	04/17/2020	06/16/2020	Mancozeb (pesticide active substance used as fungicide)
	EU/713	04/22/2020	06/21/2020	Organic plant reproductive material
	EU/714	04/23/2020	06/22/2020	Recently classified carcinogenic, mutagenic and reproductive toxicants (CMR) category 1A and 1B as substances on their own, as constituents of other substances or in mixtures that are placed on the market or used for supply to the general public, devices covered by EU Regulation 2017/745 on medical devices, persistent organic pollutants, certain liquid substances or mixtures, nonylphenol, azocolourants.
	EU/715	04/29/2020	06/28/2020	Biocidal products

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 India	IND/44/Add.7	04/22/2020	Not given	List of 15 Products notified in Schedule to the Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2012
 Indonesia	IDN/1/Add.4	04/15/2020	Not given	Wheat flour for foodstuff
	IDN/70/Add.1	04/15/2020	Not given	White crystal sugar (HS 1701.91, 1701.99)
	IDN/77/Add.5	04/15/2020	Not given	Palm Oil
 Israel	ISR/1110	03/31/2020	05/30/2020	Release of lead and cadmium from vitreous and porcelain enamelled metalware; (HS: 6911, 6912);
	ISR/1111	03/31/2020	05/30/2020	Release of lead and cadmium from vitreous and porcelain enamelled metalware; (HS: 6911, 6912)
	ISR/1112	03/31/2020	05/30/2020	Release of lead and cadmium from glass hollowware; (HS: 7013)
	ISR/1113	03/31/2020	05/30/2020	Release of lead and cadmium from glass hollowware; (HS: 7013)
	ISR/1114	04/01/2020	05/31/2020	Domestic heaters burning solid fuel (HS 8416)
	ISR/1115	04/07/2020	06/06/2020	Motor vehicle brake fluids; HS: 3819
	ISR/1116	04/07/2020	06/06/2020	Child restraint devices for motor vehicles HS: 940120
	ISR/1117	04/07/2020	06/06/2020	Protective helmets for bicyclists; HS: 650610
	ISR/1118	04/08/2020	06/07/2020	Lead-acid starter batteries; (HS: 850710, 850720)
	ISR/1119	04/15/2020	06/13/2020	Pressure vessels; (HS: 2705, 2801, 2804, 7311, 8403, 841440, 841451, 841480, 845140)
	ISR/1120	04/15/2020	06/13/2020	Cycles. Electrically power assisted cycles. EPAC Bicycles; (HS: 8711)
	ISR/1121	04/15/2020	06/13/2020	Safety valves; (HS: 8481)
	ISR/1122	04/20/2020	06/19/2020	Boxes and enclosures for electrical accessories (HS 848790); (HS 392590, 853650, 853690, 853710, 8538)
	ISR/1123	04/20/2020	06/19/2020	Textile carpets (HS 57)
	ISR/1124	04/20/2020	06/19/2020	Processed tomato concentrates (HS 2002)
	ISR/1125	04/20/2020	06/19/2020	Flat glass panels for buildings (HS 7006, 7007)
	ISR/1126	04/20/2020	06/19/2020	Prefabricated concrete products for paving (HS 681019)
	ISR/1127	04/22/2020	06/21/2020	Reclined cradles (HS 9401, 9403)
	ISR/1128	04/22/2020	06/21/2020	Bicycles (HS 8712)
	ISR/1129	04/28/2020	06/27/2020	Playground equipment and surfacing (HS 95069, 9508)
	ISR/1130	04/28/2020	06/27/2020	Dry mixtures for preparing soup (HS 210410)
ISR/1131	04/28/2020	06/27/2020	Luminaires for stage lighting, television and film studios (outdoor and indoor) (HS 9405)	
ISR/1132	04/28/2020	06/27/2020	Mineral wool for thermal insulation (HS 680610, 701939)	
ISR/1133	04/28/2020	06/27/2020	Medium power transformers 50 Hz (HS 8504)	
ISR/1134	04/29/2020	06/28/2020	Cocoa compound; (HS: 1806)	
ISR/1135	04/29/2020	06/28/2020	Self-ballasted fluorescent lamps; (HS: 853931, 940540)	
ISR/1136	04/29/2020	06/28/2020	Vehicle for food products transport in a controlled temperature	
 Jamaica	JAM/93	04/30/2020	05/03/2020	Instant hand sanitizers
	JPN/659	04/01/2020	05/31/2020	Vehicle (HS 87.01~87.05, 87.13, 87.16)

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 Japan	JPN/660	04/01/2020	05/31/2020	Gas/liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) equipment and appliances
	JPN/661	04/01/2020	05/31/2020	Oil burning equipment and appliances
	JPN/651/Add.1	04/02/2020	Not given	Steel or Aluminium beverage cans (HS codes 7310.29, 7612.90) Polyethylene terephthalate beverage or specified sauce containers (HS codes 3923.30)
	JPN/652/Add.1	04/03/2020	Not given	Rigid polyurethane foam stock solution (except for those used for housing, molding and manufacturing the following products) and the following products using rigid polyurethane foam; Heat insulating materials; Refrigerating machines and cold storage machines
	JPN/662	04/06/2020	06/05/2020	Fertilizer (HS 3101)
	JPN/663	04/06/2020	05/30/2020	Feeds and feed additives
	JPN/636/Add.1	04/09/2020	Not given	Passenger vehicles (in addition to vehicles already subject to the current standards, electric vehicles and plug-in hybrid vehicles, which are expected to become widespread to a considerable extent in years to come, are also made subject to the new standards. More specifically, this revision includes passenger vehicles fueled by gasoline, diesel, or LPG and passenger vehicles with engines powered by externally charged electricity that have a carrying capacity of up to 9 passengers or that have a carrying capacity of 10 or more passengers and a gross vehicle weight up to 3.5t, limiting to type approved vehicles.)
	JPN/637/Add.1	04/09/2020	Not given	Rigid polyurethane foam heat insulation material; (HS: 392113)
 Kenya	KEN/713/Add.1	03/31/2020	Not given	Black tea
	KEN/714/Add.1	03/31/2020	Not given	Green tea
	KEN/715/Add.1	03/31/2020	Not given	Flavoured black tea
	KEN/716/Add.1	03/31/2020	Not given	Instant tea
	KEN/728/Add.1	03/31/2020	Not given	Concrete paving Kerbs
	KEN/751/Add.1	03/31/2020	Not given	Hot applied thermoplastic road marking paint
	KEN/753/Add.1	03/31/2020	Not given	Solvent-based paint remover
	KEN/754/Add.1	03/31/2020	Not given	Green gram
	KEN/755/Add.1	03/31/2020	Not given	Finger millet grains
	KEN/768/Add.1	03/31/2020	Not given	Admixtures for concrete, mortar and grout
	KEN/769/Add.1	03/31/2020	Not given	Admixtures for concrete, mortar and grout
	KEN/770/Add.1	03/31/2020	Not given	Admixtures for concrete, mortar and grout
	KEN/783/Add.1	03/31/2020	Not given	Liquid fuels
	KEN/793/Add.1	03/31/2020	Not given	Liquid fuels (Automotive gasoline)
	KEN/830/Add.1	03/31/2020	Not given	Fruits and derived products (Fruit drinks)
	KEN/887/Add.1	03/31/2020	Not given	Beverages (Energy drink)
	KEN/890/Add.1	03/31/2020	Not given	Wood-based panels
	KEN/892/Add.1	03/31/2020	Not given	Wood-based panels
KEN/914/Add.1	03/31/2020	Not given	Paints and varnishes (Silk (sheen) emulsion paint for interior use)	
KEN/831/Add.1	04/02/2020	Not given	Fruits and derived products (Jams, jellies and marmalades)	

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	KEN/993	04/06/2020	06/03/2020	Coffee and coffee substitutes
	KEN/994	04/06/2020	06/03/2020	Water quality (Wastewater treatment plants)
	KEN/995	04/06/2020	06/03/2020	Construction materials (Coated steel roofing and walling accessories)
	KEN/996	04/08/2020	06/07/2020	Lamps and related equipment (General Service Lamps (GSLs))
	KEN/997	04/08/2020	06/07/2020	Fertilizers (Magnesium sulphate fertilizer)
	KEN/998	04/08/2020	06/07/2020	Fertilizers (Foliar fertilizer)
	KEN/999	04/08/2020	Not given	Clothes, Footwear
	KEN/662/Add.1	04/09/2020	Not given	Compounded pig feeds
	KEN/663/Add.1	04/09/2020	Not given	Compounded poultry feeds
	KEN/668/Add.1	04/09/2020	Not given	Cattle feeds
	KEN/704/Add.1	04/09/2020	Not given	Butter
	KEN/752/Add.1	04/09/2020	Not given	Road marking paints
	KEN/756/Add.1	04/09/2020	Not given	Sorghum grains
	KEN/757/Add.1	04/09/2020	Not given	Wheat flour
	KEN/758/Add.1	04/09/2020	Not given	Milled maize (corn) products
	KEN/759/Add.1	04/09/2020	Not given	Composite flour
	KEN/760/Add.1	04/09/2020	Not given	Edible full fat soya flour
	KEN/1000	04/15/2020	06/14/2020	Concrete structures
	KEN/1001	04/15/2020	06/14/2020	Fruits and derived products
	KEN/705/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	UHT Milk
	KEN/706/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Yoghurt
	KEN/707/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Milk powders and cream powders
	KEN/708/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Raw Cow milk
	KEN/709/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Pasteurised milk
	KEN/710/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Dairy ice cream
	KEN/711/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Sweetened condensed milk
	KEN/712/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Ghee
	KEN/729/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Concrete paving flags
	KEN/781/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Textile fabrics
	KEN/782/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Textile fabrics
	KEN/784/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Clothes (baby shawls)
	KEN/785/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Clothes (Sweaters)
	KEN/786/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Clothes (Men's and boys' trousers)
	KEN/787/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Vegetables and derived products (Sweet potato)
	KEN/788/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Cereals, pulses and derived products (Sweet potato puree)
	KEN/789/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Cereals, pulses and derived products (Sweet potato bread)
	KEN/790/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Chocolate
	KEN/791/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Cocoa (Cocoa butter)
	KEN/792/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Cocoa (Cocoa powder)
	KEN/795/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Textile fabrics (Pillows for domestic use)
	KEN/796/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Cheese (Cheddar)
	KEN/797/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Cheese (Gouda)
	KEN/798/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Cheese (Tilsiter/Tilster)
	KEN/799/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Cheese (Processed cheese)

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	KEN/800/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Milk and processed milk products (Evaporated milks)
	KEN/801/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Cheese (Camembert)
	KEN/802/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Cheese (Brie)
	KEN/803/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Cheese (Cheeses in brine)
	KEN/804/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Cheese (Danbo)
	KEN/805/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Cheese
	KEN/806/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Fruits. Vegetables (Canned tropical fruit salad)
	KEN/807/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Beverages (Pickled fruits and vegetables)
	KEN/809/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Spices and condiments (Moringa leaf products)
	KEN/810/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Fruits. Vegetables (Certain canned fruits)
	KEN/811/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Fruits, vegetables and derived products in general (Quick frozen vegetables)
	KEN/812/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Fruits, vegetables and derived products in general (Canned applesauce)
	KEN/813/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Fruits. Vegetables (Canned stone fruits)
	KEN/814/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Construction technology
	KEN/815/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	External sewage systems
	KEN/816/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Protection against dangerous goods (Anhydrous Ammonia)
	KEN/817/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Protection against dangerous goods (Toxic substances)
	KEN/824/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Bodies and body components (Road vehicles)
	KEN/825/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Home textiles, Linen (Curtains and drapery)
	KEN/828/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Materials and articles in contact with foodstuffs (Plastic hermetic grain silo)
	KEN/829/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Sacks. Bags (Hermetic storage bags)
	KEN/832/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Fruits and derived products (Dried mango)
	KEN/833/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Spices and condiments (Pickles)
	KEN/834/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Fruits and derived products (Fruits, Juices and Nectars)
	KEN/835/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Sugar and sugar products (Icing sugar)
	KEN/841/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Gaseous fuels
	KEN/843/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Cooking ranges, working tables, ovens and similar appliances (Biomass stoves)
	KEN/847/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Meat and meat products (Meat Grades and Meat Cuts)
	KEN/848/Add.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Meat and meat products (Canned corned beef)
	KEN/733/Add.1	04/20/2020	Not given	Soluble Compound fertilizer
	KEN/738/Add.1	04/20/2020	Not given	Monoammonium phosphate (MAP) and diammonium phosphate (DAP) fertilizer
	KEN/739/Add.1	04/20/2020	Not given	Monopotassium phosphate (technical grade) fertilizer
	KEN/855/Add.1	04/20/2020	Not given	Protection against dangerous goods (Road and rail transport)
	KEN/860/Add.1	04/20/2020	Not given	Masonry (Clay masonry units)
	KEN/861/Add.1	04/20/2020	Not given	Masonry
	KEN/862/Add.1	04/20/2020	Not given	Masonry (Clay masonry units)
	KEN/863/Add.1	04/20/2020	Not given	Masonry
	KEN/864/Add.1	04/20/2020	Not given	Masonry

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	KEN/865/Add.1	04/20/2020	Not given	Masonry
	KEN/866/Add.1	04/20/2020	Not given	Masonry
	KEN/867/Add.1	04/20/2020	Not given	Masonry
	KEN/868/Add.1	04/20/2020	Not given	Masonry
	KEN/869/Add.1	04/20/2020	Not given	Masonry
	KEN/870/Add.1	04/20/2020	Not given	Fire protection (construction products and building elements)
	KEN/888/Add.1	04/20/2020	Not given	Domestic electrical appliances in general (Refrigerating appliances)
	KEN/889/Add.1	04/20/2020	Not given	Packaging machinery (Labelling of products)
	KEN/897/Add.1	04/20/2020	Not given	Fuels in general
	KEN/899/Add.1	04/20/2020	Not given	Processes in the food industry (Food fortification premix fortificants)
	KEN/900/Add.1	04/20/2020	Not given	Clothes (Fleece jacket)
	KEN/905/Add.1	04/20/2020	Not given	Propolis
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/886	03/31/2020	05/30/2020	Battery
	KOR/887	04/07/2020	06/06/2020	HS 871160 (Electric personal mobility device among the HS 871160 products)
	KOR/888	04/15/2020	06/13/2020	Cleansing and Hygiene Products
	KOR/889	04/15/2020	06/13/2020	Tobacco Products; Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes, of tobacco or of tobacco substitutes (HS 2402); Other manufactured tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes; "homogenised" or "reconstituted" tobacco; tobacco extracts and essences (HS 2403)
	KOR/890	04/17/2020	06/16/2020	Railway vehicles to be operated in Korea
	KOR/891	04/27/2020	06/26/2020	Biological Products; - Other (HS 300190); - Other (HS 300490)
 Kuwait	KWT/532	04/14/2020	06/13/2020	Animal feeding stuffs
	KWT/533	04/14/2020	06/13/2020	All products fall under scope of BS EN 134:1998 "Respiratory protective devices. Nomenclature of components"
	KWT/534	04/14/2020	06/13/2020	All products fall under scope of BS EN 1276:2019 "chemical disinfectants and antiseptics. Quantitative suspension test for the evaluation of bactericidal activity of chemical disinfectants and antiseptics used in food, industrial areas. Test method and requirements (phase 2, step 1); Chemicals for industrial and domestic disinfection purposes
	KWT/535	04/14/2020	06/13/2020	All products fall under scope of BS EN 1499:2013 "Chemical disinfectants and antiseptics - Hygienic handwash - Test method and requirements (phase 2/step 2); Chemicals for industrial and domestic disinfection purposes
	KWT/536	04/14/2020	06/13/2020	All products fall under scope of BS EN 12791:2016+A 1:2017: Chemical disinfectants and antiseptics -Surgical hand disinfection - Test method and requirements (phase 2, step 2)
	KWT/537	04/14/2020	06/13/2020	All products fall under scope of "Expiration dates for food products-Part 1: Mandatory expiration dates"; Food products in general
	KWT/538	04/14/2020	06/13/2020	All products fall under scope of BS EN 13274-7:2019 " Respiratory protective devices - Methods

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				of test - Part 7: Determination of particle filter penetration"; Respiratory protective devices
	KWT/539	04/15/2020	06/14/2020	All products fall under scope of BS EN 149:2001+A1:2009 "Respiratory protective devices - Filtering half masks to protect against particles - Requirements, testing, marking"; Respiratory protective devices
	KWT/540	04/15/2020	06/14/2020	All products fall under scope of ISO 10993:2018 "Biological evaluation of medical devices - Part 1: Evaluation and testing within a risk management process"; Biological evaluation of medical devices
	KWT/541	04/15/2020	06/14/2020	All products fall under scope of ISO 16972:2020 "Respiratory protective devices - Vocabulary and graphical symbols"; Respiratory protective devices
	KWT/542	04/15/2020	06/14/2020	All products fall under scope of BS EN 1500:2013: Chemical disinfectants and antiseptics - Hygienic handrub - Test method and requirements (phase 2/step 2)); Chemicals for industrial and domestic disinfection purposes
	KWT/543	04/15/2020	06/14/2020	All products fall under scope of ISO 139:2005 AMD-1-2011 "Textiles - Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing"; Textiles in general
	KWT/544	04/15/2020	06/14/2020	All products fall under scope of ISO 15223-1:2016 "Medical devices - Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied - Part 1: General requirements (ISO 15223-1:2016, Corrected version 2017-03)"; Graphical symbols for use on specific equipment
	KWT/545	04/15/2020	06/14/2020	All products fall under scope of "Electronic nicotine delivery system and its equivalent"
	KWT/546	04/15/2020	06/14/2020	All products fall under scope of ISO 11737-1:2018 "Sterilization of health care products - Microbiological methods - Part 1: Determination of a population of microorganisms on products; Sterilization and disinfection in general
	KWT/547	04/15/2020	06/14/2020	All products fall under scope of ISO 22609:2004: Clothing for protection against infectious agents - Medical face masks - Test method for resistance against penetration by synthetic blood (fixed volume, horizontally projected); Protective clothing
	KWT/548	04/15/2020	06/14/2020	All products fall under scope of EN 14683:2019+AC:2019 "Medical face masks - Requirements and test methods"; Hospital equipment
	KWT/549	04/27/2020	06/26/2020	Fall under scope of BS EN 143:2000 "Respiratory protective devices - Particle filters - Requirements, testing, marking"
 Mexico	MEX/414/Add.1	03/27/2020	Not given	Cooking utensils with a non-stick coating that contain the following base materials (substrata): aluminium, steel, stainless steel, iron, ceramics, glass, or any other material deriving from these base materials.
	MEX/435/Add.1	03/27/2020	Not given	Railway tractive stock
	MEX/178/Add.1	04/01/2020	Not given	Labelling of pre-packaged food and non-alcoholic beverages
	MEX/449/Add.1	04/01/2020	Not given	Facilities handling open-source radioactive material

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	MEX/408/Add.1	04/02/2020	Not given	Fixed-wing aircraft
 Morocco	MAR/29	03/16/2020	04/30/2020	Hydraulic binders/cements and cement constituents
 Namibia	NAM/2	04/23/2020	04/26/2020	Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizers Regulations: Standards Act, 2005 Purpose of regulations The purpose of these regulations is to: (a) covers the quality and safety requirements of alcohol-based hand sanitizers for consumer use and for use as health care personnel handrub; (b) include the terminology, formulations packaging, marking or labelling requirements as they apply to a product, process or production process; and (c) compel a manufacturer or importer to meet the requirements of the NAMS/SANS 490 and the WHO Recommendations for ethanol and/or isopropyl alcohol content and alcohol identification
 New Zealand	NZL/99	04/01/2020	05/31/2020	The Organic Products Bill enables all organic products to be regulated. The Bill will only apply to products that are covered by national organic standards established in secondary legislation. The first standard to be developed will cover food, beverages, plant and animal products.
 Nicaragua	NIC/161	04/02/2020	06/15/2020	Water Supply system
 Oman	OMN/407	04/14/2020	06/13/2020	Animal feeding stuffs
 Peru	PER/120	04/03/2020	Not given	6307.90.30.00 Face-masks
	PER/121	04/07/2020	05/31/2020	Section I (chapters 1 to 5: live animals; animal products); Section II (chapters 6 to 14: vegetable products); Section III (chapter 15: animal or vegetable fats and oils); Section IV (chapters 16 to 24: prepared foodstuffs; beverages and spirits; tobacco); Section IX (chapters 44 to 45: wood; wood charcoal; cork); Section X (chapter 47: woodpulp); Section XI (chapters 50 to 53: textiles)
 Philippines	PHL/233	04/23/2020	06/22/2020	Vapor Products (e-cigarettes) and Heated Tobacco Products
	PHL/234	04/23/2020	06/22/2020	Vapor Products and Tobacco Heated Products (HTPs)
	PHL/235	04/23/2020	06/22/2020	Vapor products and Heated Tobacco Products (HTPs)
	PHL/236	04/23/2020	06/22/2020	Vapor products and Heated Tobacco Products (HTPs)
	PHL/237	04/23/2020	06/22/2020	Vapor products and Heated Tobacco Products (HTPs)
	PHL/238	04/23/2020	06/22/2020	Vapor products and Heated Tobacco Products (HTPs)
 Qatar	QAT/570	04/14/2020	06/13/2020	Animal feeding stuffs
 Rwanda	RWA/336	04/17/2020	06/16/2020	Concrete and concrete products (Admixtures used in concrete)
	RWA/337	04/17/2020	06/16/2020	Cement. Gypsum. Lime. Mortar (Masonry Cement)
	RWA/338	04/17/2020	06/16/2020	Cement. Gypsum. Lime. Mortar (Masonry Cement)
	RWA/339	04/20/2020	06/19/2020	Sanitary installations (Sanitary appliances)
	RWA/340	04/20/2020	06/19/2020	Sanitary installations (Wash down water closets)
	RWA/341	04/20/2020	06/19/2020	Sanitary installations (Wash basins)

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	RWA/342	04/20/2020	06/19/2020	Sanitary installations (Squatting pans)
	RWA/343	04/20/2020	06/19/2020	Sanitary installations (Urinals and partition plates)
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1133	03/31/2020	05/30/2020	Shoes and accessories 6401 6402 6403 6404 6405 6406 681291000003 950670000003
	SAU/1134	04/14/2020	06/13/2020	Animal feeding stuffs
	SAU/1135	04/14/2020	06/13/2020	Food products in general
 Singapore	SGP/52/Corr.1	04/09/2020	Not given	Food
	SGP/53	04/09/2020	06/08/2020	Food
 Switzerland	CHE/244	04/14/2020	Not given	Disinfectants on the basis of alcohol or active chlorine; Chemicals for industrial and domestic disinfection purposes
	CHE/244	04/14/2020	Not given	Disinfectants on the basis of alcohol or active chlorine; Chemicals for industrial and domestic disinfection purposes
	CHE/245	04/16/2020	Not given	Medicinal Products; Medical Devices; Personal Protective Equipment
	CHE/246	04/24/2020	Not given	All foodstuffs on the swiss market.
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/409	04/07/2020	06/06/2020	Medical equipment
	TPKM/410	04/09/2020	06/08/2020	Cosmetics. Toiletries
	TPKM/386/Add.1	04/14/2020	Not given	Automobile light alloy disc wheels; - Road wheels and parts and accessories thereof (HS 870870)
	TPKM/411	04/15/2020	06/14/2020	Eye protector for welding, filter for welding face shield, welding face shield, and eye protector of ultraviolet filtering, infrared filtering, sunglare filter for industrial use, and ocular without filtering effect (hereinafter referred to as eye protectors); - Other (HS 392690); - Moulded or pressed articles of paper pulp (HS 482370); - Other (HS 482390); - Safety headgear (HS 650610); Glass of heading 70.03, 70.04 or 70.05, bent, edge- Worked, engraved, drilled, enamelled or otherwise worked, but not framed or fitted with other materials (HS 7006); - Toughened (tempered) safety glass: (HS 70071); Spectacles, goggles and the like, corrective, protective or other (HS 9004)
	TPKM/386/Add.1	04/14/2020	Not given	Automobile light alloy disc wheels; - Road wheels and parts and accessories thereof (HS 870870)
	TPKM/412	04/21/2020	05/21/2020	Infant bath tubs (HS392210). Equipment for children; Baths, shower-baths, sinks and wash-basins (HS 392210)
	TPKM/413	04/28/2020	06/27/2020	Chocolate
	TPKM/414	04/30/2020	06/29/2020	Commodities governed by the Commodity Labeling Act that exclude food, pharmaceutical products, cosmetics, tobacco, alcohol, pesticides, grains, feeds and environmental agents.
 Tanzania	TZA/418	04/06/2020	06/05/2020	Prepackaged and prepared foods (Infant formula)
	TZA/419	04/06/2020	06/05/2020	Food additives (Fortified edible salt)
	TZA/420	04/06/2020	06/05/2020	Cereals, pulses and derived products
	TZA/421	04/06/2020	06/05/2020	Processes in the food industry
	TZA/422	04/06/2020	06/05/2020	Cereals, pulses and derived products (Fortified composite flour)
	TZA/423	04/06/2020	06/05/2020	Processes in the food industry
	TZA/424	04/17/2020	06/16/2020	Fish and fishery products (Dried Seaweed)

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	TZA/425	04/17/2020	06/16/2020	Fish and fishery products (Powdered sardines)
	TZA/426	04/17/2020	06/16/2020	Biology. Botany. Zoology (Biotechnology)
	TZA/427	04/17/2020	06/16/2020	Biology. Botany. Zoology (Biotechnology)
	TZA/428	04/17/2020	06/16/2020	Biology. Botany. Zoology (Biotechnology)
	TZA/429	04/20/2020	06/19/2020	Fruits and derived products (Kashata)
	TZA/430	04/20/2020	06/19/2020	Ice cream and ice confectionery
	TZA/431	04/20/2020	06/19/2020	Ice cream and ice confectionery
	TZA/432	04/20/2020	06/19/2020	Cereals, pulses and derived products (Samosa (Manda) and spring roll sheets)
	TZA/433	04/20/2020	06/19/2020	Cereals, pulses and derived products (Pasta products)
	TZA/434	04/27/2020	06/26/2020	Chemical Technology (Hydrochloric acid)
	TZA/435	04/27/2020	06/26/2020	Mathematics. Natural sciences (Vocabularies) (Industrial common salt)
	TZA/436	04/27/2020	06/26/2020	Rubber compounding ingredients (Light kaolin)
	TZA/437	04/27/2020	06/26/2020	Physicochemical methods of analysis (Sodium bicarbonate)
	TZA/438	04/27/2020	06/26/2020	Inorganic chemicals (Sulfuric acid)
	TZA/439	04/27/2020	06/26/2020	Other products of the chemical industry (Cashew nut shell liquid)
	TZA/440	04/27/2020	06/26/2020	Products of the chemical industry (Polyvinyl Acetate-Based adhesives for wood)
	TZA/441	04/27/2020	06/26/2020	Products of the chemical industry (Shellac varnish)
	TZA/442	04/27/2020	06/26/2020	Food products in general (Mayonnaise)
	TZA/444	04/27/2020	06/26/2020	Spices and condiments (Coriander seeds)
	TZA/445	04/27/2020	06/26/2020	Spices and condiments. Food additives (Vanilla)
	TZA/446	04/27/2020	06/26/2020	Fruits and derived products (Baobab fruit powder)
	TZA/443	04/27/2020	06/27/2020	Food products in general (Ginger paste)
	TZA/447	04/28/2020	06/27/2020	Spices and condiments (Spices and dried aromatic plants)
	TZA/448	04/28/2020	06/27/2020	Fruits, vegetables and derived products in general (Dried Lemongrass leaves)
	TZA/449	04/28/2020	06/27/2020	Fruits and derived products (Tamarind (ukwaju) pulp)
	TZA/450	04/28/2020	06/27/2020	Laboratory medicine (Hospital based intravenous fluids)
	TZA/451	04/28/2020	06/27/2020	Laboratory medicine (Methylated spirit 70% for medical use)
	TZA/452	04/28/2020	06/27/2020	Laboratory medicine (Sterilized dextrose intravenous infusion)
	TZA/453	04/28/2020	06/27/2020	Laboratory medicine (Sterilized compound sodium lactate intravenous infusion)
	TZA/454	04/28/2020	06/27/2020	Laboratory medicine (Sterilized sodium chloride intravenous infusion)
	TZA/455	04/28/2020	06/27/2020	Food products in general (Dehydrated soup, canned soups and broths)
	TZA/456	04/28/2020	06/27/2020	Non-alcoholic beverages (Energy drink)
	TZA/457	04/29/2020	06/28/2020	Chemicals for industrial and domestic disinfection purposes
	TZA/458	04/29/2020	06/18/2020	Laboratory medicine
	TZA/459	04/30/2020	06/29/2020	Paper and board (Kraft Liner Board)

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	TZA/460	04/30/2020	06/29/2020	Paper and board (Post Card)
	TZA/461	04/30/2020	06/29/2020	Paper products (Glassine Paper)
	TZA/462	04/30/2020	06/29/2020	Paper products (Jumbo tissue roll)
 Thailand	THA/567	04/01/2020	05/31/2020	Hazardous substances used in agriculture (Pesticides) (HS 3808)
 Turkey	TUR/160	04/06/2020	06/05/2020	Firearms - shotguns - for hunting, sport and competitions; Other firearms and similar devices which operate by the firing of an explosive charge (for example, sporting shotguns and rifles, muzzle-loading firearms, Very pistols and other devices designed to project only signal flares, pistols and revolvers for firing blank ammunition, captive- Bolt humane killers, line-throwing guns) (HS 9303)
	TUR/161	04/06/2020	06/05/2020	Woodworking chisels and gouges
 Ukraine	UKR/162	04/01/2020	Not given	Personal protective equipment, medical devices, in vitro diagnostic medical devices, active implantable medical devices
	UKR/146/Add.1	04/15/2020	Not given	Fruit juice, fruit juice from concentrate, concentrated fruit juice, dehydrated/powdered fruit juice, fruit nectar.
	UKR/148/Add.1	04/15/2020	Not given	Coffee extract, soluble coffee extract, soluble coffee, instant coffee, chicory extract, soluble chicory, instant chicory.
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/474	04/14/2020	06/13/2020	Animal feeding stuffs
 United Kingdom	GBR/35	04/06/2020	06/05/2020	This legislation will impact on the following fuels, in England only and for domestic burning purposes only. 1. Manufactured Solid Fuels 2. Wet Wood 3. Bituminous Coal
 United States	USA/1593	03/31/2020	05/29/2020	Motor vehicle occupant protection
	USA/1594	03/31/2020	05/14/2020	Motor vehicle refrigerant
	USA/424/Add.5	04/01/2020	Not given	Plants, plant products (HS 6-1, 0602, 4403)
	USA/1042/Add.2	04/02/2020	Not given	Children's folding chairs and stools
	USA/1401/Add.2	04/02/2020	Not given	Chemical substances
	USA/1429/Add.2	04/03/2020	Not given	Wine, distilled spirits, and malt beverages; Beer made from malt (HS 2203), Wine of fresh grapes, including fortified wines; grape must other than that of heading 20.09 (HS 2204), Vermouth and other wine of fresh grapes flavoured with plants or aromatic substances (HS 2205), Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead); mixtures of fermented beverages and mixtures of fermented beverages and non-alcoholic beverages, not elsewhere specified or included (HS 2206), Undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strength by volume of 80% vol or higher; ethyl alcohol and other spirits, denatured, of any strength (HS 2207), Undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strength by volume of less than 80% vol; spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages (HS 2208)
	USA/1432/Add.2	04/03/2020	Not given	Residential wood heaters, hydronic heaters and forced-air furnaces
	USA/1595	04/03/2020	05/01/2020	Chemical substances
	USA/1596	04/06/2020	06/17/2020	Crib bumpers, liners
USA/1597	04/06/2020	05/04/2020	Unlicensed white space devices	

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	USA/1598	04/07/2020	05/06/2020	Radiofrequency electromagnetic fields
	USA/1565/Add.1	04/08/2020	Not given	Electronic detonators; Safety fuses; detonating fuses; percussion or detonating caps; igniters; electric detonators (HS 3603)
	USA/1429/Add.2/Corr.1	04/14/2020	Not given	Wine, distilled spirits, and malt beverages; Beer made from malt (HS 2203), Wine of fresh grapes, including fortified wines; grape must other than that of heading 20.09 (HS 2204), Vermouth and other wine of fresh grapes flavoured with plants or aromatic substances (HS 2205), Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead); mixtures of fermented beverages and mixtures of fermented beverages and non-alcoholic beverages, not elsewhere specified or included (HS 2206), Undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strength by volume of 80% vol or higher; ethyl alcohol and other spirits, denatured, of any strength (HS 2207), Undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strength by volume of less than 80% vol; spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages (HS 2208)
	USA/1582/Add.2	04/14/2020	Not given	Rail vehicles; accessibility
	USA/1602	04/15/2020	08/12/2020	Air-purifying particulate respirators; Other breathing appliances and gas masks, excluding protective masks having neither mechanical parts nor replaceable filters (HS 9020); Quality, medical equipment, Respiratory protective devices, Test conditions and procedures in general
	USA/1429/Add.2/Corr.1	04/14/2020	Not given	Wine, distilled spirits, and malt beverages; Beer made from malt (HS 2203), Wine of fresh grapes, including fortified wines; grape must other than that of heading 20.09 (HS 2204), Vermouth and other wine of fresh grapes flavoured with plants or aromatic substances (HS 2205), Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead); mixtures of fermented beverages and mixtures of fermented beverages and non-alcoholic beverages, not elsewhere specified or included (HS 2206), Undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strength by volume of 80% vol or higher; ethyl alcohol and other spirits, denatured, of any strength (HS 2207), Undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strength by volume of less than 80% vol; spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages (HS 2208)
	USA/1582/Add.2	04/14/2020	Not given	Rail vehicles; accessibility
	USA/1599	04/14/2020	Not given	Chemical data reporting
	USA/1600	04/14/2020	06/09/2020	Portable air conditioners; Air conditioning machines, comprising a motor-driven fan and elements for changing the temperature and humidity, including those machines in which the humidity cannot be separately regulated (HS 8415)
	USA/1601	04/14/2020	07/13/2020	Supersonic airplanes; Other aircraft (for example, helicopters, airplanes); spacecraft (including satellites) and suborbital and spacecraft launch vehicles (HS 8802)
	USA/149/Add.4	04/17/2020	Not given	Cheese and related cheese products (HS 0406)
	USA/1441/Add.4	04/17/2020	Not given	Appliances, consumer products, commercial/industrial equipment

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	USA/1598/Corr.1	04/17/2020	Not given	Radiofrequency electromagnetic fields
	USA/1603	04/17/2020	04/16/2020	Single-occupant, oblique seats equipped with pretensioner restraint systems (HS 8803 - Parts of goods of heading 8801 or 8802)
	USA/1604	04/17/2020	04/16/2020	Single-occupant oblique seats equipped with pretensioner restraint systems (HS 8803 - Parts of goods of heading 8801 or 8802)
	USA/1605	04/20/2020	04/21/2020	HIV serological diagnostic and supplemental tests and HIV nucleic acid (NAT) diagnostic and supplemental tests
	USA/1606	04/20/2020	Not given	Radiofrequency electromagnetic fields
	USA/1607	04/20/2020	06/01/2020	Nucleic acid-based hepatitis C virus (HCV) ribonucleic acid (RNA) assay devices
	USA/1608	04/20/2020	06/01/2020	Hepatitis C virus (HCV) antibody assay devices
	USA/1609	04/20/2020	04/06/2020	Dedicated-purpose pool pumps; Other centrifugal pumps (HS 841370)
	USA/119/Add.2	04/21/2020	Not given	Foods for human consumption in the United States, except for meat, poultry and egg products
	USA/915/Add.2	04/21/2020	Not given	Sling carriers
	USA/1551/Add.3	04/21/2020	Not given	Vaping products
	USA/1561/Add.1	04/21/2020	Not given	Vitamin E Acetate, vaping products
	USA/1610	04/21/2020	06/15/2020	Hazardous liquid pipelines
	USA/1611	04/21/2020	05/18/2020	Chemical substances; Environmental protection, Products of the chemical industry, Paint ingredients
	USA/1612	04/21/2020	05/21/2020	Food service packaging (HS 6305);
	USA/1613	04/21/2020	05/08/2020	Carpets and rugs with perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs) (HS 2801.30, 3403.11, 3918.90.10, 5702)
	USA/970/Add.2/Corr.3	04/22/2020	Not given	Portable air conditioners
	USA/665/Rev.1/Add.2	04/24/2020	Not given	Greenhouse gas emissions and fuel economy standards
	USA/1494/Add.1	04/24/2020	Not given	Chemical substances
	USA/1118/Add.6	04/27/2020	Not given	Organic livestock and poultry
	USA/1614	04/27/2020	05/26/2020	Commercial and industrial fans; Air or vacuum pumps, air or other gas compressors and fans; ventilating or recycling hoods incorporating a fan, whether or not fitted with filters (HS 8414)
	USA/1519/Add.3	04/28/2020	Not given	Packaging, tobacco products; Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes (HS 24)
 Uruguay	URY/26/Add.1	03/30/2020	Not given	Foods packaged in the absence of the customer
 Viet Nam	VNM/163	04/14/2020	06/13/2020	Electrical engineering in general
	VNM/164	04/14/2020	06/13/2020	Electrical engineering in general
	VNM/165	04/27/2020	06/26/2020	Gasoline (HS Code: 2710.12.21; 2710.12.24; 2710.12.23; 2710.12.27; 2710.12.29; 2710.12.22; 2710.12.25; 2710.12.26; 2710.12.28), diesel fuel oil (HS Code: 2711.19.71; 2710.20.00) and biofuel (HS Code: 2207.20; 2207.10.00; 38.26; 3826.00.10; 3826.00.21; 3826.00.22; 3826.00.90; Undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strength by volume of 80% vol or higher; ethyl alcohol and other spirits,

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	VNM/116/Add.2	04/28/2020	Not given	Car, Truck, Bus
 Yemen	YEM/176	04/14/2020	06/13/2020	Animal feeding stuffs
 Zimbabwe	ZWE/2	04/02/2020	05/31/2020	Domestic Electrical Appliances (HS 8418.10.00, 8418.30.00, 8418.40.00, 8540.11.00, 8540.12.00, 8540.20.00, 8415.10.00, 8415.81.00, 8415.82.00, 8415.83.00, 8516.60.00, 8414.40.00)

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CBP RULINGS: REVOCATIONS OR MODIFICATIONS

The following table summarizes proposals made or actions taken that were published in the weekly [Customs Bulletin and Decisions](#) during the past month by US Customs and Border Protection pursuant to 19 U.S.C. §1625(c) to revoke or modify binding rulings or treatment previously accorded to substantially identical merchandise.

Published in CBP Bulletin (P) Proposed (A) Action	Product(s) or Issue(s)	Ruling(s) to be Modified (M) or Revoked (R)	Old Classification or Position	New Ruling	New Classification or Position	Comments Due (C) or Effective Date (E)
PROPOSED REVOCATIONS/MODIFICATIONS						
(P) 04-01-20	Tariff classification of steel doctor blades	NY N301037	M 7212.50.0000 7210.90.9000 7220.90.00 7219.90.00	HQ H303128	7211.90.0000 7209.90.0000 7220.90.0060 7219.90.0060	GRI 1, 6; Sec. XV, n 1(f); chap. 72 n 1(k)] (C) 05-01-20
	Tariff classification of a 1937 Alfa Romeo automobile	NY N278756 NY N281521	R 9705.00.00	HQ H307522	8703.23.0190 [GRI 1, 6; Chap 97 n4(a)]	
(P) 04-15-20	Tariff classification of two mandrels with pilot drills.	HQ H097658	M 8207	HQ H278181	8466.10.01 [GRI 1; Chap.82 n2; EN 82.07]	(C) 05-15-20
(P) 04-22-20	Tariff classification of instant coffee mixes	NY N303841	R 2101.11.2126 2101.11.2941	HQ H303080	2101.12.5400 or 2101.12.5800[and 2101.12.9000 [GRI 1; Chap 17 US n 3,8; EN 21.01]	(C) 05-15-20

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		NY R01313, NY N158039				
	Tariff classification of garments with overlays	NY N255267	R	6110.20.2079	HQ H270389	6110.30.30 [GRI 3(b) with the essential character being imparted by the open work knit fabric overlay rather than the body fabric
		NY N254620	R	Use GRI 3(c): overlay fabric		6110.20.20 Classified as knit body fabric applying GRI 1
		HQ 950007 NY N257834 NY N257469 NY N243946 NY N242436 NY N235714 NY N208296 NY N173438 NY N138899 NY N138900 NY N043115	M	6110.11.00 Classified using GRI 3(b)		6110.11.00 Removes the essential character determination and clarifies that the merchandise should have been classified on the basis of GRI 1 rather than GRI 3(b)
		HQ 960960	M	“overlay” is “(which is a merely a decorative addition to the garment).”		Removes the parenthetical that inaccurately describes “overlay”
	Country of origin of stuffed mattress covers	NY N303580	M	El Salvador	HQ H304571	United States, China, or El Salvador, depending on the style of mattress cover and respective fabric origin [19 CFR 102.21(c)(2) and (e)(2)(ii)]

EUROPEAN CLASSIFICATION REGULATIONS

The table below shows the Classification Regulations that were published in the *Official Journal* during the period covered by this *International Trade Compliance Update*.

Commission Implementing Regulation	Description of the goods	Classification (CN code)	Reasons
(EU) 2020/516 03-04-20	An empty tube of zirconium alloy open at both ends, with a length of approximately 4 m and a weight of approximately 0,5 kg. The tube is designed to be filled with nuclear fuel, welded, assembled and sealed and thus be used as a container for uranium tablets in a fuel element.	8109 90 00	Classification is determined by general rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature, Notes 3, 5 and 6 to Section XV and by the wording of CN codes 8109 and 8109 90 00 . Given its objective characteristics and properties, the article corresponds to the wording of heading 8109, which includes articles of zirconium alloy that are used, for example, in the manufacture of

Commission Implementing Regulation	Description of the goods	Classification (CN code)	Reasons
			<p>sheaths for nuclear fuel cartridges and of metal structures for nuclear plant (see also the Harmonized System Explanatory Notes to heading 8109).</p> <p>The tube still has to undergo various processes before it is made into specific identifiable articles. Therefore, upon presentation to customs, the objective characteristics of the article are not those of fuel elements (cartridges) for nuclear reactors of heading 8401. Consequently, classification as fuel elements (cartridges), non-irradiated, for nuclear reactors, of heading 8401 is excluded.</p> <p>The article is therefore to be classified under CN code 8109 90 00 as other articles of zirconium.</p>
(EU) 2020/517 03-04-20	<p>An article consisting of a garland of artificial fir (pine tree), with a length of approximately 5 m, and a LED light chain of approximately 60 lights, which is wrapped around the garland. The light chain is powered by a 230 V power supply. Both the garland and the light chain are made of plastics.</p> <p>See image (*1)</p> 	6702 10 00	<p>Classification is determined by general rules (GIR) 1, 3(b) and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature and by the wording of CN codes 6702 and 6702 10 00 .</p> <p>The article is a composite product within the meaning of GIR 3(b). Due to its objective characteristics, namely the fact that it consists of a garland of artificial fir with lights that give an additional decorative effect, the article is primarily designed to have a decorative function. In addition, the garland of artificial fir would continue to be displayed for ornamental or decorative purposes even when the lights are powered off. Therefore, the garland of artificial fir, which resembles the natural product (see also the Harmonised System Explanatory Notes to heading 6702), is the component that gives the article its essential character as a decorative article. Classification of the article under subheading 9405 40 as other electric lamps and lighting fittings is therefore excluded. Classification of the article under subheading 9505 10 as an article for Christmas festivities is also excluded, because its objective characteristics suggest that it is not exclusively used for Christmas festivities but mainly as decoration during the winter season (see additional note 1 to Chapter 95, 1(a) last paragraph).</p> <p>The article is therefore to be classified under CN code 6702 10 00 as artificial foliage, of plastics.</p>

AMENDMENTS TO THE CN EXPLANATORY NOTES

The table below shows amendments to the explanatory notes to the *Combined Nomenclature of the European Union* that were published in the *Official Journal* during the period covered by this *International Trade Compliance Update*.

Official Journal	Page or CN code	Description of Articles
2020/C 124/04	p. 236 5106 10 10	Replace text
	p. 311 7307 19 10	Delete EN 7307 19 90
	p. 344 8481 10 05	Delete EN

Official Journal	Page or CN code	Description of Articles
	p. 362 8536.70 00	Replace text

SECTION 337 ACTIONS

In the United States, section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 as amended (19 U.S.C. §1337) provides *in rem* relief from unfair practices in import trade, including unfair methods of competition in the importation of articles, importation and sale in the United States of articles which infringe US patents, registered trademarks, copyrights or mask works. Listed below are 337 actions published during the past month by the US International Trade Commission, the independent United States agency charged with enforcement of section 337.

Inv. №	Commodity	Action
337-TA-1089	Certain Memory Modules and Components Thereof	Notice of the Commission's Final Determination Finding No Violation of Section 337; Termination of the Investigation
337-TA-1103	Certain Digital Video Receivers and Related Hardware and Software Components	Commission Decision Finding a Violation of Section 337; Issuance of a Limited Exclusion Order and Cease and Desist Orders; Termination of the Investigation
337-TA-1116	Certain Blood Cholesterol Testing Strips and Associated Systems Containing the Same	Commission's Final Determination Finding a Violation of Section 337; Issuance of a Limited Exclusion Order; Termination of Investigation
337-TA-1124	Certain Powered Cover Plates	Commission Determination Not to Review a Remand Initial Determination; Schedule for Filing Written Submissions on Remedy, the Public Interest, and Bonding
337-TA-1131	Certain Wireless Mesh Networking Products and Related Components Thereof	Commission Determination to Review in Part and Vacate in Part a Final Initial Determination and to Affirm the Finding of No Violation of section 337; Termination of the Investigation
337-TA-1138	Certain LTE- and 3G-Compliant Cellular Communications Devices	Notice of Request for Statements on the Public Interest
337-TA-1139	Certain Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Components Thereof	Issuance of Limited Exclusion Order and Cease and Desist Orders; Termination of the Investigation
337-TA-1140	Certain Multi-Stage Fuel Vapor Canister Systems and Activated Carbon Components Thereof	Commission Determination to Review in Part, Take No Position on the Issues Under Review, and Affirm in Part a Final Initial Determination Finding No Violation of Section 337; Termination of Investigation
337-TA-1141	Certain Cartridges for Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Components Thereof	Notice of a Commission Determination To Issue Remedial Orders and Impose a Bond on Defaulting Respondents; Termination of the Investigation
337-TA-1142	Certain Pocket Lighters	Commission Determination To Review in Part an Initial Determination Granting Complainant's Motion for Summary Determination of a Violation of Section 337; Schedule for Filing Written Submissions
337-TA-1143	Certain Pickup Truck Folding Bed Cover Systems and Components Thereof	Commission Issuance of Limited Exclusion Order Against Infringing Products of Respondent Found in Default; Issuance of Cease and Desist Order Against Defaulting Respondent; Termination of Investigation
337-TA-1159	Certain Lithium Ion Batteries, Battery Cells, Battery Modules, Battery Packs, Components Thereof, and Processes Therefor	Commission Decision to Review an Initial Determination in Its Entirety; Schedule for Filing Written Submissions on the Issues Under Review and on Remedy, the Public Interest, and Bonding
337-TA-1160	Certain Replacement Automotive Service and Collision Parts and Components Thereof	Commission Determination Not To Review an Initial Determination Terminating Respondent Direct Technologies International, Inc. Based on Consent Order; Issuance of Consent Order; Finding Declaration for Immediate Relief Is Moot; Request for Written Submissions on Remedy, the Public Interest, and Bonding

Inv. №	Commodity	Action
337-TA-1161	Certain Food Processing Equipment and Packaging Materials Thereof	Commission Determination Not to Review an Initial Determination Finding a Violation of Section 337; Request for Written Submissions on Remedy, the Public Interest, and Bonding
337-TA-1169	Certain Fish-Handling Pliers and Packaging Thereof	Notice of Request for Submissions on the Public Interest
337-TA-1171	Certain Child Resistant Closures With Slider Devices Having a user Actuated Insertable Torpedo for Selectively Opening the Closures and Slider Devices Therefor	Notice of Request for Submissions on the Public Interest
337-TA-1189	Certain Dissolving Microneedle Patches for Cosmetic and Pharmaceutical Use	Commission Determination Not to Review an Initial Determination Terminating the Investigation Based on Withdrawal of the Complaint; Termination of the Investigation
337-TA-1195	Certain Electronic Candle Products and Components Thereof	Notice of Institution of Investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of L&L Candle Company LLC and Sotera Tschetter, Inc. alleging patent infringement
337-TA-1196	Certain In Vitro Fertilization Products, Components Thereof, and Products Containing the Same	Notice of Institution of Investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of EMD Serono, Inc. alleging gray market infringement of registered trademarks; unfair methods of competition and unfair acts in the importation and sale by reason of false advertising

In addition to the above actions, the ITC has published notices indicating that it has received complaints filed on behalf of the following companies alleging violations of §337 with regard to the listed commodities and soliciting comments on any public interest issues raised by the complaints:

Ref. №	Commodity	Complaint filed on behalf of:
DN 3444	Certain Portable Gaming Console Systems with Attachable Handheld Controllers and Components Thereof II	Gamevice, Inc.
DN 3432	Certain Spa Pumps, Jet Pump Housings, Pedicure Spas, Components Thereof, and Products Containing the Same	Luraco Health & Beauty, LLC
DN 3447	Certain Tobacco Heating Articles and Components Thereof	RAI Strategic Holdings, Inc.; R.J. Reynolds Vapor Company; and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company
DN 3450	Certain Electronic Devices, Including Streaming Players, Televisions, Set Top Boxes, Remote Controllers, and Components Thereof	Universal Electronics, Inc.
DN 3451	Certain Liquid Crystal Display Devices, Components Thereof, and Products Containing the Same	Sharp Corporation and Sharp Electronics Corporation
DN 3452	Certain Synthetic Roofing Underlayment Products and Components Thereof	Kirsch Research and Development, LLC

Antidumping, Countervailing Duty and Safeguards Investigations, Orders & Reviews

In order to assist our clients in planning, we are listing antidumping, countervailing duty and safeguards notices published or posted during the past month from the US, Canada, Mexico, the EU, Australia, India, Brazil, and occasionally other countries. (Click on blue text for link to official document.)

Key: AD, ADD=antidumping, antidumping duty; CV, CVD=countervailing duty or subsidy; LTFV=less than fair value.


United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration (ITA)

Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
C-533-872	Finished Carbon Steel Flanges From India	Final Results of CVD Administrative Review, 2016– 2017
A-351-842	Certain Uncoated Paper From Brazil	Preliminary Results of Administrative Review of the ADD Order; 2018-2019
A-549-502	Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From Thailand	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2018-2019
A-471-807	Certain Uncoated Paper From Portugal	Preliminary Results of the Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order; 2018-2019
A-570-814	Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from China	Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2018–2019
A-570-047	Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-To-Length Plate From China	Preliminary Intent To Rescind ADD Administrative Review; 2018–2019
C-533-876	Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber From China	Preliminary Results of CVD Administrative Review
C-489-502	Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From Turkey	Preliminary Results of CVD Administrative Review and Partial Rescission; Calendar Year 2018
A-570-929	Small Diameter Graphite Electrodes From China	Continuation of ADD Order
C-570-921	Lightweight Thermal Paper From China	Rescission of CVD Administrative Review: 2018
A-570-012	Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod From China	Final Results of the Expedited First Five-Year Sunset Review of the ADD Order
A-580-883	Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products From S. Korea	Partial Rescission of the ADD Administrative Review; 2018–2019
A-583-854	Certain Steel Nails From Taiwan	Results of ADD Administrative Review and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2018–2019
A-570-108	Ceramic Tile From China	Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at LTFV, and Final Partial Affirmative Critical Circumstances Determination
A-533-843	Certain Lined Paper Products From India	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review and Final Determination of No Shipments; 2017– 2018
A-122-853	Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts From Canada	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2018–2019
A-580-876	Welded Line Pipe From S. Korea	Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony With the Amended Final Determination in the LTFV Investigation, and Notice of Amended Final Determination and Amended ADD Order
A-201-845	Sugar From Mexico	Final Results of the Expedited First Sunset Review of the Agreement Suspending the ADD Investigation
A-570-008	Calcium Hypochlorite From China	Final Results of the Expedited First Sunset Review of the ADD Order
C-570-109	Ceramic Tile From China	Final Affirmative CVD Determination, and Final Negative Critical Circumstances Determination
C-570-009	Calcium Hypochlorite From China	Final Results of the Expedited First Sunset Review of the CVD Order
A-525-001 A-351-854 A-891-001 A-729-803 A-428-849 A-484-804 A-533-895 A-560-835 A-475-842 A-580-906 A-523-814 A-485-809 A-801-001	Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet From Bahrain, Brazil, Croatia, Egypt, Germany, Greece, India, Indonesia, Italy, S. Korea, Oman, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan and Turkey	Initiation of LTFV Investigations


United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration (ITA)

Case No	Merchandise/Country	Action
A-856-001 A-791-825 A-469-820 A-583-867 A-489-839		
C-351-855 C-489-840 C-525-002 C-533-896	Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet From Bahrain, Brazil, India, and Turkey	Initiation of CVD Investigations
C-201-846	Sugar From Mexico	Final Results of the Expedited First Sunset Review of the Agreement Suspending the CVD Investigation
C-570-123	Certain Corrosion Inhibitors From China	Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the CVD Investigation
A-570-967	Aluminum Extrusions From China	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2018-2019
A-533-838	Carbazole Violet Pigment 23 From India	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2017-2018
A-570-104	Alloy and Certain Carbon Steel Threaded Rod From China	ADD Order
A-533-887	Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod From India	Amended Final Determination of Sales at LTFV and ADD Order
C-533-888 C-570-105	Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod From India and China	CVD Orders
A-583-844	Narrow Woven Ribbons with Woven Selvedge From Taiwan	Preliminary Determination of No Shipments and Rescission, in Part, of ADD Administrative Review; 2018-2019
A-570-863	Honey From China	Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2018-2019
A-570-028	Hydrofluorocarbon Blends From China	Affirmative Preliminary Determination of Circumvention of the ADD Order for HFC Components; and Extension of Time Limit for Final Determination
A-570-028	Hydrofluorocarbon Blends From China	Preliminary Scope Ruling on Gujarat Fluorochemicals Ltd.'s R-410A Blend; Affirmative Preliminary Determination of Circumvention of the ADD Duty Order for Indian Blends Containing Chinese Components
A-549-820	Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand From Thailand	Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2019
A-549-817	Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products From Thailand	Final Results of Administrative Review and Determination of No Shipments; 2017-2018
A-583-814	Certain Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe From Taiwan	Final Results of Administrative Review and Determination of No Shipments; 2017-2018
A-201-805	Certain Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe From Mexico	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review and Final Determination of No Shipments; 2017-2018
C-570-125	Certain Vertical Shaft Engines between 99cc and up to 225cc, and Parts Thereof From China	Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation
C-570-944	Oil Country Tubular Goods From China	Rescission of CVD Administrative Review; 2019
C-489-830	Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar From Turkey	Correction to Final Results of CVD Administrative Review; 2017
A-570-124	Certain Vertical Shaft Engines between 99cc and up to 225cc, and Parts Thereof From China	Initiation of LTFV Investigation
A-570-801	Certain Frozen Fish Fillets From Vietnam	Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony with Final Results of Administrative Review and Notice of Amended Final Results of ADD Administrative Review
A-570-916	Laminated Woven Sacks From China	Preliminary Results of the ADD Administrative Review; 2018-2019


United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration (ITA)

Case No	Merchandise/Country	Action
A-423-814 A-580-899 A-791-824	Acetone From Belgium, South Africa, and S. Korea	Correction to ADD Orders
A-533-871	Finished Carbon Steel Flanges From India	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2017- 2018
A-475-835	Finished Carbon Steel Flanges From Italy	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2017- 2018
A-549-820	Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand From Thailand	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2018
A-580-867	Large Power Transformers From S. Korea	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2017-2018
A-201-836	Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube From Mexico	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review and Final Determination of No Shipments; 2017-2018
A-580-889	Diocetyl Terephthalate from S. Korea	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2017-2018
A-570-106	Wooden Cabinets and Vanities and Components Thereof From China	ADD Order
C-570-107	Wooden Cabinets and Vanities and Components Thereof From China	CVD Order
C-570-127	Certain Non-Refillable Steel Cylinders From China	Initiation of CVD Investigation
C-570-016	Certain Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tires From China	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2017-2018
A-570-909	Certain Steel Nails From China	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review and Final Determination of No Shipments; 2017-2018
A-570-126	Certain Non-Refillable Steel Cylinders From China	Initiation of LTFV Investigation
C-570-017	Countervailing Duty Order on Certain Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tires From China	Final Results of CVD Administrative Review; 2017
A-523-812	Circular Welded Carbon-Quality Steel Pipe From Oman	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2017-2018
C-570-128	Mattresses From China	Initiation of CVD Investigation
A-555-001 A-560-836 A-557-818 A-801-002 A-549-841 A-489-841 A-552-827	Mattresses From Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Serbia, Thailand, Turkey, and Vietnam	Initiation of LTFV Investigations
A-583-856	Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products From Taiwan	Amended Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2017-2018
A-552-801	Certain Frozen Fish Fillets From Vietnam	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review and Final Determination of No Shipments; 2017- 2018
A-570-114	Certain Glass Containers From China	Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at LTFV, Postponement of Final Determination and Extension of Provisional Measures
A-570-904	Certain Activated Carbon f From China	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review, Intent to Rescind the Review, in Part, and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2018-2019
A-201-845 C-201-846	Sugar From Mexico	Continuation of Suspension of AD and CVD Investigations


United States International Trade Commission (USITC)

Inv. No	Merchandise/Country	Action
701-TA-463 731-TA-1159	Oil Country Tubular Goods From China	[SECOND REVIEW] Institution of Five-Year Reviews
731-TA-1014 and 1016	Polyvinyl Alcohol From China and Japan	[THIRD REVIEW] Institution of Five-Year Reviews
731-TA-1435-1436 , and 1439	Acetone from Belgium, Korea and South Africa	[FINAL] Determinations that an industry in the United States is materially injured
701-TA-644 731-TA-1494	Non-Refillable Steel Cylinders From China	[PRELIMINARY] Institution of AD and CVD Investigations and Scheduling of Preliminary Phase Investigations
701-TA-645 731-TA-1495-1501	Mattresses From Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Serbia, Thailand, Turkey, and Vietnam	[PRELIMINARY] Institution of AD and CVD Investigations and Scheduling of Preliminary Phase Investigations
701-TA-618-619 731-TA-1441-1442	Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from China and India	[FINAL] Determinations that an industry in the United States is materially injured
701-TA-502 731-TA-1227	Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from Mexico and Turkey	[REVIEW] Scheduling of Full Five-Year Reviews
701-TA-620 731-TA-1445	Wooden Cabinets and Vanities From China	[FINAL] Determinations that an industry in the United States is materially injured
701-TA-646 731-TA-1502-1516	Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand ("PC strand") from Argentina, Colombia, Egypt, Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, and United Arab Emirates	[PRELIMINARY] Institution of AD and CVD Investigations and Scheduling of Preliminary Phase Investigations
701-TA-501	Chlorinated Isocyanurates From China	[REVIEW] Determination that revocation of the CVD would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time
701-TA-513 731-TA-1249	Sugar From Mexico	[REVIEW] Determinations that termination of the suspended investigations would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury within a reasonably foreseeable time
731-TA-1474	Ultra-High Molecular Weight Polyethylene From Korea	[PRELIMINARY] Determination that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury
701-TA-639-642 731-TA-1475-1492	Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet from Bahrain, Brazil, Croatia, Egypt, Germany, Greece, India, Indonesia, Italy, Korea, Oman, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, and Turkey	[PRELIMINARY] Determinations that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured


Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT)

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
LE-2020-001	Dumping and Subsidizing: Certain photovoltaic modules and laminates originating in or exported from China	Notice of Expiry of Finding on 07-02-20


Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
OS 2019 RI	Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods (OCTG I & II) and Certain Seamless Casing originating in or exported	Schedule revision in relation to re-investigations

**Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)**

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
	from Taiwan, India, Indonesia, the Philippines, S Korea, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine and Vietnam	
OCTG1 2020 ER	Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods originating or exported from China	Schedule Revision in relation to the Expiry Review Investigation
COR2 2019 IN	Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Sheet originating in or exported from Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, and Vietnam	Preliminary Determinations - Statement of Reasons
DWP 2019 RI	Certain Dry Wheat Pasta originating in or exported from Turkey	Schedule Revision in Relation to Re-investigation
SR2 2019 IN	Certain sucker rods originating in or exported from Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico	Statement of Reasons - concerning the acceptance of undertakings, suspension of the dumping investigation and suspension of provisional duties
FAS 2019 ER	Certain carbon steel fasteners originating in or exported from China and Taiwan	Statement of Reasons- Expiry Review Determinations

**NAFTA Panels**

Case Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
USA-MEX-2020-1904-03	Certain Fabricated Structural Steel from Mexico	Notice of Completion of Panel Review

**Mexico - Ministry of Economy**

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
EC 09/20	Stainless steel sinks originating in China	Resolution declaring the initiation of the administrative procedure of the review of the validity of the ADD
EC 11/20	Carbon steel pipe with straight longitudinal seam originating in the USA	Resolution declaring the beginning of the administrative procedure of the validity examination of the ADD

**European Union**

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
(EU) 2020/477	Peroxosulphates (persulphates) originating in China	Commission Implementing Regulation amending Commission Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of following an expiry review
(EU) 2020/492	Certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics originating in China and Egypt	Commission Implementing Regulation imposing definitive anti-dumping duties on imports of
(EU) 2020/508	Certain hot rolled stainless steel sheets and coils originating in Indonesia, China and Taiwan	Commission Implementing Regulation imposing a provisional ADD
(EU) 2020/526	Tubes and pipes of ductile cast iron (also known as spheroidal graphite cast iron) originating in India	Commission Implementing Regulation re-imposing a definitive CVD as regards Jindal Saw Limited following the judgment of the General Court in T-300/16
(EU) 2020/527	Tubes and pipes of ductile cast iron (also known as spheroidal graphite cast iron) originating in India	Commission Implementing Regulation re-imposing a definitive ADD as regards Jindal Saw Limited following the judgment of the General Court in T-301/16
(EU) 2020/571	Ceramic tableware and kitchenware originating in China	Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive ADD as amended by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2131 and repayment of duties collected


European Union

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
(EU) 2020/588	Certain bicycle parts originating in China	Commission Implementing Decision concerning exemptions from the extended ADD


Australian Anti-Dumping Commission

Notice №	Case	Merchandise/Country	Action
2020/026	536	PVC flat electric cables - China	Findings in relation to an Accelerated Review 536
2020/033	516	Hot dip galvanised steel angle - China	Extension of time to publish SEF and Final Report
2020/034	520	Grinding balls – China	Extension of time granted to issue SEF and Final Report
2020/035	522	Aluminium zinc coated steel - China	SEF and Final Report Extension
2020/035	521	Zinc coated (galvanised) steel - China, India, Korea, Malaysia, Taiwan, Vietnam	SEF and Final Report Extension
2020/037	518	Steel reinforcing bar - Thailand	Extension of time granted to issue SEF and Final Report
2020/038			Monthly status report - March 2020
2020/039	551	A4 copy paper - Brazil, China, Indonesia, Thailand	Initiation of a Review of Measures
2020/040	542	Aluminium micro-extrusions – China	Day 60 Status Report
2020/041		Steel reinforcing bar - China	Expiry Notice for Steel Reinforcing Bar
2020/043	540	Aluminium extrusions (mill finish) - Malaysia	PAD Day 60 Status Report
2020/044	541	Aluminium extrusions (surface finished) - Malaysia	PAD Day 60 Status Report
2020/045	552	A4 copy paper - China	Initiation of an Anti-Circumvention Inquiry 552


China Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM)

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
10,2020	Vertical Machining Centers Originating in Japan and Taiwan	Termination of Anti-dumping Investigation


Government of India Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue)

Notification №	Merchandise/Country	Action
07/2020-Cus (ADD) 15-04-20	Acetone originating in or exported from Korea RP, Saudi Arabia and Chinese Taipei	Extends imposition of ADD until 14 October, 2020


Government of India Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Commerce)

File № and Date	Merchandise/Country	Action
INITIATIONS		
7/9/2020-DGTR 15-04-20	All Fully Drawn or Fully Oriented Yarn/ Spin Drawn Yarn/ Flat Yarn of Polyester originating in or exported from China PR and Thailand	Initiates Sunset Review Investigation
07/07/2020-DGTR 16-04-20	Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) originating in or exported from Russia being circumvented by way of imports of Polytetrafluoroethylene exported from Korea RP	Initiates Anti-Circumvention Investigation
07/10/2020-DGTR 16-04-20	Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) originating in or exported from Russia	Initiates Mid-Term Review Investigation


Government of India Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Commerce)

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7/8/2020-DGTR 20-04-20	New/ unused Pneumatic Radial Tyres with or without tubes and/or flap of rubber (including tubeless tyres) having nominal rim dia code above 16" used in buses and lorries/trucks, originating in or exported from China PR	Initiates New Shipper Review Investigation in case of Anti-Subsidy Duty imposed
6/7/2020-DGTR 20-04-2020	Copper & Copper Alloy Flat Rolled Products originating in and exported from China PR, Korea RP, Malaysia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand	Initiates AD Investigation
6/13/2020-DGTR 22-04-2020	Plain Medium Density Fibre Board having thickness less than 6 mm originating in or exported from Vietnam, Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia	Initiates AD Investigation
FINAL FINDINGS		
7/21/2019-DGTR 30-04-20	Sodium Citrate originating in or exported from China PR	Final Findings issued in Sunset Review of AD Investigation
OTHERS		
6/43/2019-DGTR 01-04-20	Toluene Di-Isocyanate, originating in or exported from European Union, Saudi Arabia, Chinese Taipei and United Arab Emirates	Time for filing questionnaire response in AD Investigation extended until 21 April, 2020
6/42/2019-DGTR 01-04-20	Aniline originating in or exported from China PR	


Argentina Ministry of Production

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
Resolution 167/2020 RESOL-2020-167-APN-MDP	Centrifugal, non-self-priming pumps from China	Review – order will stay in place until completed
Resolution 171/2020 RESOL-2020-171-APN-MDP	Certain electric irons originating in China	Review – order will stay in place until completed


Brazil Ministry of Industry, Foreign Trade and Services

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
Secex Cir. 12, 2020	Certain writing, drawing and / or coloring pencils, composed of wood, thermoplastic resins (plastic resins) or other materials, containing graphite or colored mine, based on carbonates dyed by pigments or dyes, originating in China	Preliminary positive determination of dumping, extends deadline for concluding investigation and a preliminary assessment of public interest.
Secex Cir. 13, 2020	Pre-sensitized aluminum plates for off-set printing, originating in China, Chinese Taipei, the USA and EU.	Starts review of the ADD
Secex Cir. 14, 2020	PVC-S originating in China and South Korea	Preliminary positive determination of resumption of dumping; negative determination of resumption of injury by S. Korea; doubts regarding injury by China,
Secex Cir. 15, 2020	Polypropylene resin originating in South Africa, South Korea and Preliminary India	Preliminary positive determination of the likelihood of continuation or resumption of dumping and injury; continuing public interest regarding ADD measures for South Africa, S. Korea, India and USA
Secex Cir. 16, 2020	Polyvinyl chloride resins obtained by suspension process (PVC-S), originating in China and South Korea	Change in the deadlines that will serve as a parameter for the rest of the review of the AD measure



Brazil Ministry of Industry, Foreign Trade and Services

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
Secex Cir. 17, 2020	Cargo tires	Price commitment Update - Compliance with the Judicial Decision. Process № 1001606-07.2016.4.01.3400 - 2nd VF/SJDF
Secex Cir. 18, 2020	Industrial grade phenol imports, originating in the USA and the EU	Extends the deadline for concluding the end-of-period review of the anti-dumping duty
Secex Cir. 19, 2020	Nonwovens for application in personal hygiene products, originating in Israel	Initiates investigation to ascertain the existence of serious damage caused to the domestic industry
Secex Cir. 20, 2020	Adipic acid, originating in China and South Korea	Starts review of the ADD
Secex Cir. 21, 2020	Refractory ceramic filters, originating in China	Makes public the decision to extend the deadline for concluding the end-of-period review of the ADD
Secex Cir. 22, 2020	Glass for cold lines, originating in China	Extends the deadline for concluding the end-of-period review of the ADD
Secex Cir. 23, 2020	PVC-S resins originating in China and South Korea	Changes the deadlines for reviewing the AD measure
CAMEX Res. 19	Certain writing, drawing and / or coloring pencils, originating in China	Decides not to apply a provisional ADD
CAMEX Res. 21	NBR rubbers, originating in South Korea and France	Public interest assessment closes without suspending the enforceability of anti-dumping measures
CAMEX Res. 23	Certain disposable syringes for general use, made of plastic, , with or without needles, originating in China, and plastic tubes for vacuum blood collection, originating in Germany, China, the US and the UK	Decides to suspend, until September 30, 2020, in the public interest, the ADD facilitating fight against Covid-19



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Opportunity to Request Administrative Review

In an April 1, 2020 *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce announced that it will receive requests to conduct administrative reviews of various antidumping (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders and findings with April anniversary dates:

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Antidumping Duty Proceedings		
Argentina: Biodiesel	A-357-820	4/1/19-3/31/20
Indonesia: Biodiesel	A-560-830	4/1/19-3/31/20
S. Korea: Phosphor Copper Bands	A-580-885	4/1/19-3/31/20
Thailand: Rubber	A-549-835	9/6/2018-3/31/20
The PR of China: 1,1,1,2- Tetrafluoroethane (R-134A)	A-570-044	4/1/19-3/31/20
Activated Carbon	A-570-904	4/1/19-3/31/20
Aluminum Foil	A-570-053	4/1/19-3/31/20
Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks	A-570-983	4/1/19-3/31/20
Magnesium Metal	A-570-896	4/1/19-3/31/20
Non-Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings	A-570-875	4/1/19-3/31/20
Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip	A-570-042	4/1/19-3/31/20
Certain Steel Threaded Rod	A-570-932	4/1/19-3/31/20
Countervailing Duty Proceedings		
The PR of China: Aluminum Foil	C-570-054	1/1/19-12/31/19
Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks	C-570-984	1/1/19-12/31/19
Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip	C-570-043	1/1/19-12/31/19
Suspension Agreements		
None		

Requested Reviews

In an April 8, 2020 *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce announced that it has received timely requests to conduct administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with February anniversary dates. See actual notices for companies requesting review:

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Antidumping Duty Proceedings		
India: Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp	A-533-840	2/1/19 - 1/31/20
Stainless Steel Bar	A-533-810	2/1/19 - 1/31/20
Italy: Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings	A-475-828	2/1/19 - 1/31/20
Malaysia: Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings	A-557-809	2/1/19 - 1/31/20
Mexico: Large Residential Washers	A-201-842	2/1/19 - 1/31/20
Philippines: Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings	A-565-801	2/1/19 - 1/31/20
S. Korea: Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate	A-580-836	2/1/19 - 1/31/20
SR of Vietnam: Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp	A-552-802	2/1/19 - 1/31/2
Taiwan: Certain Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products	A-583-853	2/1/19 - 1/31/20
Thailand: Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp	A-549-822	2/1/19 - 1/31/20
PR of China: Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp	A-570-893	2/1/19 - 1/31/20
Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet	A-570-073	6/22/18 - 1/31/20
Truck and Bus Tires	A-570-040	2/15/19 - 1/31/20
Countervailing Duty Proceedings		
Canada: Certain Softwood Lumber Products ³⁴	C-122-858	1/1/19 - 12/31/19
India: Certain Cold Drawn Mechanical Tubing of Carbon and Alloy Steel	C-533-874	1/1/19 - 12/31/19
S. Korea: Certain Cut-To-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate	C-580-837	1/1/19 - 12/31/19
PR of China: Cold-Drawn Mechanical Tubing	C-570-059	1/1/19 - 12/31/19
Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet	C-570- 074	4/23/18 - 12/31/19
Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products	C-570-011	1/1/19 - 12/31/19
Truck and Bus Tires	C-570- 041	2/15/19 - 12/31/19
Suspension Agreements		
None		

Initiation of Sunset Reviews

In an April 1, 2020, *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce advised that it was automatically initiating a five-year (“Sunset”) review of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders listed below.

AD/CVD DOC Case No.	ITC Case No.	Country	Merchandise
A-570-943	731-TA-1159	China	Oil Country Tubular Goods (2nd Review)
C-570-944	701-TA-463	China	Oil Country Tubular Goods (2nd Review)
A-570-879	731-TA-1014	China	Polyvinyl Alcohol (3rd Review)
A-588-861	731-TA-1016	Japan	Polyvinyl Alcohol (3rd Review)

Advance Notification of Sunset Reviews

In an April 1, 2020, *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce advised that the following cases were scheduled for five-year (“Sunset”) reviews for May 2020.

AD/CVD Proceedings - Merchandise/Country	Case No.
Antidumping Duty Proceedings	
Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts from Canada	A-122-853 (2 nd Review)
Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts from China	A-570-937 (2 nd Review)
Countervailing Duty Proceedings	
Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts from China	C-570-938 (2 nd Review)
Suspended Investigations	
No Sunset Review of suspended investigations is scheduled for initiation in May 2020	



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