

Annex
COVID-19
Trade and trade-related measures
(As of 14 April 2020)

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Member/ Observer	Measure	Source/Date	Status
Albania	Temporary export prohibition on certain drugs and medical devices (HS 3002; 3003; 3004; 3005; 3006; 4818; 6307; 9018; 9019; 9020; 9021; 9022), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	WTO document G/MA/QR/N/ALB/1/Add.1, 27 March 2020	Effective 17 March 2020
Algeria	Temporary export ban on certain products (1,219 tariff lines at 10-digit level, in HS Chapters 2; 4; 7; 8; 9; 10; 11; 15; 16; 17; 19; 20; 21; 22; 28; 30; 33; 34; 38; 39; 40; 48; 61; 62; 63; 65; 84; 90; 94), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Direction Générale des Douanes - Instruction No. 111/PM (22 March 2020). Viewed at: http://www.douane.gov.dz/spip.php?article429&lang=fr	Effective 22 March 2020
Argentina	Certain products (e.g. medical equipment and personal protective equipment) eliminated from the list requiring non-automatic import licensing requirements (15 tariff lines at 8-digit level, in NCM Chapters 22; 38; 62; 63; 65; 90), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Permanent Delegation of Argentina to the WTO (14 April 2020) and Disposición No. 5/2020 Subsecretaría de Política y Gestión Comercial - Ministerio de Desarrollo Productivo (18 March 2020). Viewed at: http://servicios.infoleg.gob.ar/infolegInternet/anexos/335_000-339999/335690/norma.htm	Effective 19 March 2020
Argentina	Temporary implementation of export licensing requirement on medical ventilators (artificial respiration apparatus) (NCM 9019.20.10), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Permanent Delegation of Argentina to the WTO (14 April 2020) and Decreto 301/2020 (19 March 2020) and Resolución No. 140/2020 Ministerio de Desarrollo Productivo (6 April 2020). Viewed at: https://www.boletinoficial.gob.ar/detalleAviso/primera/227045/20200320?busqueda=1	Effective 20 March 2020
Argentina	On 21 March 2020, temporary suspension of the anti-dumping duties on imports of hypodermic syringes of plastic, disposable, sterile, with or without needles (NCM 9018.31.11; 9018.31.19) from China (investigation initiated on 15 September 2009 and definitive duty imposed on 15 March 2011)	Permanent Delegation of Argentina to the WTO (14 April 2020) and Resolución No. 114/2020 Ministerio de Desarrollo Productivo (20 March 2020). Viewed at: https://www.boletinoficial.gob.ar/detalleAviso/primera/227095/20200321?busqueda=1	Effective 21 March 2020
Argentina	On 24 March 2020, temporary suspension of the anti-dumping duties on imports of parenteral solutions (NCM 3004.90.99) from Brazil and Mexico (investigation initiated on 29	Permanent Delegation of Argentina to the WTO (14 April 2020) and Resolución No. 118/2020 Ministerio de Desarrollo Productivo (23 March 2020). Viewed at: https://www.boletinoficial.gob.ar/detalleAviso/primera/227118/20200324?busqueda=1	Effective 24 March 2020

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	June 2018 and definitive duty imposed on 2 December 2019)		
Argentina	Temporary implementation of export licensing requirement on certain products (in NCM Chapters 22; 28; 29; 30; 38; 39; 40; 62; 63; 84; 90), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Permanent Delegation of Argentina to the WTO (14 April 2020) and Decreto No. 317/2020 - Nomenclatura Común del Mercosur (28 March 2020) and Resolución No. 140/2020 Ministerio de Desarrollo Productivo (6 April 2020). Viewed at: https://www.boletinoficial.gob.ar/detalleAviso/primera/227235/20200328?busqueda=1	Effective 28 March 2020
Argentina	Temporary elimination of import tariffs on certain products (in NCM Chapters 22; 29; 38; 39; 40; 63; 65; 84; 90; 94), due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Imports also exempted from the statistical fee (<i>tasa de estadística</i>)	Decreto No. 333/2020 - Derechos de Importación Extrazona (1 April 2020)	Effective 3 April 2020
Argentina	Temporary elimination of the Sworn Declaration of Product Composition requirement (<i>Declaración Jurada de Composición de Productos "DJCP"</i>) on certain personal protective equipment (NCM 6210.10.00; 6307.90.10; 6307.90.90; 6505.00.22), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Permanent Delegation of Argentina to the WTO (14 April 2020) and Resolución No. 107/2020 Ministerio de Desarrollo Productivo, Secretaría de Comercio Interior (2 April 2020). Viewed at: https://www.boletinoficial.gob.ar/detalleAviso/primera/227415/20200403	Effective 3 April 2020 to 2 June 2020
Australia	Temporary restrictions on the non-commercial export of personal protective equipment and sanitizer products, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Legitimate commercial and humanitarian exports are exempt, as are care packages to family overseas, although products cannot be sent through the mail. The measures apply only to a specific list of products: personal protective equipment that can be worn by individuals to limit transmission of organisms: disposable face masks, disposable gloves, disposable gowns, protective eye wear in the form of goggles, glasses or visors; and alcohol wipes and hand sanitizer (HS 3401.11; 3401.19; 3401.20; 3808.94; 3926.20; 4015.11; 4015.19; 6116.10; 6210.10; 6210.20; 6210.30; 6210.40; 6210.50; 6216.00; 6307.90; 6505.00; 9004.90; 9020.00)	Australian Government, Department of Home Affairs. Viewed at: https://covid19.homeaffairs.gov.au/imports-and-exports	Effective 18 March 2020, for 3 months
Azerbaijan	Temporary elimination of import tariffs on certain products, e.g. medical gloves, sterile shoe covers, mittens, sterile masks, respirators (effective 5 March 2020 to 1 June 2020); on raw material for production of medical masks	Permanent Delegation of Azerbaijan to the WTO (10 April 2020), Resolution Nos. 84 and 114 - Cabinet of Ministers	

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	(effective 55 March 2020 to 31 December 2022) (HS 3926.20.00; 4015.19.00; 6307.90.98; 5603.12.10; 5603.13.10) , due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Imports also exempted from the VAT		
Azerbaijan	Temporary export ban on certain medical supplies and preparations (e.g. sterile gloves, splints, medical masks and goggles, disinfectants, special clothing and other necessary medical supplies and preparations, due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Permanent Delegation of Azerbaijan to the WTO (10 April 2020), Resolution No. 42 - Cabinet of Ministers	Effective 14 February 2020 to 1 May 2020
Bangladesh	Temporary export prohibition on surgical masks, face masks, and disinfectants (hand sanitizers) (effective 12 March 2020) (HS 6307.90.40; 6307.90.90; 3808.94.91), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Permanent Delegation of Bangladesh to the WTO (14 April 2020)	Terminated on 2 April 2020
Brazil	Temporary elimination of import tariffs on certain personal protective equipment (in NCM Chapters 22; 25; 28; 29; 30; 38; 39; 40; 48; 56; 61; 62; 63; 65; 73; 84; 90), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Resolução Ministério da Economia/Secretaria-Executiva da Câmara de Comércio Exterior Nos. 17/2020 (17 March 2020), 22/2020 (25 March 2020) and 28/2020 (1 April 2020)	Effective 18 March 2020 to 30 September 2020
Brazil	Temporary implementation of special export licensing requirement on certain products (in NCM Chapters 22; 29; 38; 39; 40; 56; 62; 63; 65; 73; 90), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Subsecretaria de Operações de Comércio Exterior (Siscomex) - Exportação No. 8/2020 (18 March 2020)	Effective 19 March 2020
Brazil	Implementation of special export licensing scheme for goods to fight the COVID-19 pandemic	Secex Portaria No. 16/2020 (18 March 2020)	Effective 19 March 2020
Brazil	Temporary elimination of import licensing requirements on certain products (e.g. vacuum plastic tubes for blood collection and syringes) (NCM 3822.00.90; 3926.90.40; 9018.39.99; 9018.31.11; 9018.31.19), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Secex Portaria No. 18/2020 (20 March 2020)	Effective 23 March 2020
Brazil	On 25 March 2020 temporary suspension of the anti-dumping duties on vacuum plastic tubes for blood collection and syringes (NCM 3822.00.90; 3926.90.40; 9018.39.99; 9018.31.11; 9018.31.19) imported from China, Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States, due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Resolução No. 23/2020, Ministério da Economia/Secretaria-Executiva da Câmara de Comércio Exterior (25 March 2020)	Effective 25 March 2020 to 30 September 2020
Brazil	Temporary implementation of previous authorization for the export of chloroquine,	WTO document G/TBT/N/BRA/994, 30 March 2020	Effective 20 March 2020

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	hydroxychloroquine, and azithromycin and its salts (NCM 2941; 3003; 3004; 3005; 3006) , due to the COVID-19 pandemic		
Canada	As of 16 March 2020, and until further notice, Canada is waiving tariffs and sales taxes on all goods imported by or on behalf of public health agencies, hospitals and testing sites, and first response organizations (e.g. police, fire and local civil defence groups, including medical response teams)	Permanent Delegation of Canada to the WTO (3 April 2020). CBSA Customs Notice 20-08: Imported Goods for Emergency Use in Response to COVID-19. Viewed at: https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/cn-ad/cn20-08-eng.html	Effective 16 March 2020
Canada	Extension of timeframes for payment of customs duties (deferred to 30 June 2020), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Permanent Delegation of Canada to the WTO (3 April 2020) and Canada Border Service Agency, Customs Notice 20-11 (27 March 2020). Viewed at: https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/cn-ad/cn20-11-eng.html	Announced 27 March 2020, effective immediately
China	Amendment introduced to the list of imported products from the United States exempted temporarily from the additional 10% <i>ad valorem</i> rate of duty tariff increase (in HS Chapters 43; 44; 47; 49; 84; 85; 90)	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. Viewed at: http://gss.mof.gov.cn/gzdt/zhengcefabu/202002/t20200221_3472600.htm (21 February 2020)	Effective 28 February 2020 to 27 February 2021
China	Temporary decrease of import tariffs on certain products, e.g. medical supplies, raw materials, agricultural products, meat	The General Office of the Ministry of Commerce issued the Circular on actively expanding imports to combat against novel coronavirus epidemic (6 February 2020)	
Colombia	Temporary elimination of import tariffs on certain personal protective equipment, raw materials and capital goods not locally produced, due to the COVID-19 pandemic (in HS Chapters 21; 25; 28; 30; 32; 34; 35; 38; 39; 40; 42; 48; 56; 58; 62; 63; 70; 73; 74; 76; 82; 83; 84; 85; 87; 90; 94; 96)	WTO document G/MA/W/146/Corr.1, 8 April 2020; and Decreto - Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo 410/2020 (16 March 2020) and 463/2020 (22 March 2020)	Effective 22 March 2020, for 6 months
Colombia	Temporary export ban on certain personal protective equipment (in HS Chapters 22; 30; 34; 38; 39; 40; 48; 63; 90; 94), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	WTO document G/MA/QR/N/COL/1, 2 April 2020; and Decreto No. 462/2020 - Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo (22 March 2020)	Effective 22 March 2020, for 6 months
Costa Rica	Temporary export ban on certain personal protective equipment (e.g. face masks, disinfectant) and medical equipment (HS 6505.00; 9004.90; 6402.99; 9020.00; 6307.90; 6211.49; 4015.11; 4015.19; 9018.90; 3822.00; 3005.10; 3005.90), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Permanent Delegation of Costa Rica to the WTO (10 April 2020), Ministerio de Hacienda, Directriz DGA-003-2020 (18 March 2020). Viewed at: https://www.hacienda.go.cr/docs/5e729e805d36d_DGA-003-2020%20Directriz%20Emergencia%20COVID%2019.pdf	Effective 18 March 2020

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Costa Rica	Temporary elimination of import tariffs for all products included in HS Chapters 25 to 97, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Imports also exemptd from VAT and other taxes	Permanent Delegation of Costa Rica to the WTO (10 April 2020). Viewed at: https://medidascomercioexterior.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/ALCA65_29_03_2020.pdf	Effective 19 March 2020
Costa Rica	Extension of timeframes for payment of customs duties, due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Aviso Fiscal ante el COVID-19 - Moratoria No. 9830 (19 March 2020). Viewed at: http://www.pgrweb.go.cr/scij/Busqueda/Normativa/Normas/nrm_texto_completo.aspx?param1=NRTC&nValor1=1&nValor2=90779&nValor3=119720&strTipM=TC#ddown	Effective for imports during the months from April to June 2020 (payment deadline 31 December 2020)
Costa Rica	Temporary export ban (export licensing requirement) on certain personal protective equipment (e.g. face masks, gloves) (HS 9004.90.10; 6307.90.20; 4015.19.00; 6210.10.90; 6307.90.20), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Permanent Delegation of Costa Rica to the WTO (14 April 2020), Decretos Ejecutivo No. 42291-MEIC-S-COMEX (8 April 2020). Viewed at: https://www.imprentanacional.go.cr/pub/2020/04/10/ALCA82_10_04_2020.pdf	Effective 10 April 2020
Dominican Republic	Temporary elimination of import tariffs on certain personal protective equipment (HS 6210.10.00; 4015.11.00; 4015.19.11; 6307.90.30; 9019.20.00), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Aviso Aduanas (2 April 2020). Viewed at: https://www.aduanas.gob.do/media/14050/aviso-eliminacio-n-temporal-impuestos-arti-culos-me-dicos.pdf	Effective 2 April 2020
Ecuador	Temporary export ban on certain personal protective equipment and pharmaceutical ingredients (in HS Chapters 28; 30; 34; 38; 39; 40; 42, 56; 62; 63; 65; 90), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Permanent Delegation of Ecuador to the WTO (9 April 2020) and Acuerdo del Ministerio de Salud Pública No. 00126 (11 March 2020)	Effective 5 March 2020, for 1 year
Ecuador	Temporary elimination of import tariffs on certain personal protective equipment and pharmaceutical ingredients (in HS Chapters 28; 30; 39; 40; 62; 65; 90), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Permanent Delegation of Ecuador to the WTO (9 April 2020) and Resolución 004-2020 - Comité de Comercio Exterior (22 March 2020). Viewed at: https://www.produccion.gob.ec/dispositivos-medicos-con-arancel-cero-para-enfrentar-emergencia-sanitaria/	Effective 22 March 2020
El Salvador	Temporary elimination of the Central American Common Tariff on imports of certain food products, pharmaceutical products and personal protective equipment (in HS Chapters 04; 07; 10; 11; 19; 20; 21; 28; 30; 34; 38; 40; 96), due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Certain products also exempted from VAT	Decretos 604 (20 March 2020) and 616 (2 April 2020); and Dirección General de Aduanas - Boletín Informativo No. DGA-009-2020. Viewed at: https://www.diariooficial.gob.sv/diarios/do-2020/03-marzo/20-03-2020.pdf	Effective 20 March 2020

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El Salvador	Temporary export ban on certain dried leguminous vegetables (<i>frijol rojo en grano</i>) (HS 0713.33.40), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Acuerdo Ejecutivo 512, Ministerio de Economía, Agricultura y Ganadería and Dirección General de Aduanas - Boletín Informativo No. DGA-009-2020	Effective 26 March 2020 to 31 December 2020
European Union	Exports of personal protective equipment (HS 39; 40; 61; 62; 63; 90) subject to the temporary production of an export authorization, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As from 19 March 2020, exports to EFTA members, Faroe Islands, Andorra, San Marino and the Vatican City, as well as the overseas countries and territories listed in Annex II of the Treaty exempted	WTO document G/MA/QR/N/EU/4/Add.1, 8 April 2020; and Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/402 (14 March 2020), as amended by Regulation 2020/426 (19 March 2020)	Effective 15 March 2020, for a period of 6 weeks
European Union	Relief from import duties and VAT exemption on importation granted for goods needed to combat the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak during 2020. The goods are intended for one of the following uses: (i) distribution free of charge by the bodies and organizations to the persons affected by or at risk from COVID-19 or involved in combating the COVID-19 outbreak; (ii) being made available free of charge to the persons affected by or at risk from COVID-19 or involved in combating the COVID-19 outbreak while remaining the property of the bodies and organizations; and (iii) the goods are imported for release for free circulation by or on behalf of State organizations including State bodies, public bodies and other bodies governed by public law or by or on behalf of organizations approved by the competent authorities in the Member States	European Commission Decision 2020/491 (3 April 2020)	Effective 30 January 2020 to 31 July 2020
European Union	Implementation of the Green Lanes under the Guidelines for border management measures to protect health and ensure the availability of goods and essential services. In order to preserve the EU-wide operation of supply chains and ensure the functioning of the Single Market for goods, wherever internal border controls exist or have been introduced, member States are requested to designate immediately all the relevant internal border-crossing points	European Commission Notice 2020/C 96 I/01 (24 March 2020)	

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	of the trans-European transport network (TEN-T) and additional ones, as "green lane" border crossings – for land (road and rail), sea and air transport		
European Union	Guidance from the EU Commission on using the public procurement framework in the emergency situation related to the Covid-19 crisis. The document recalls the options and flexibilities provided by the existing EU public procurement framework in emergency situations such as that caused by the coronavirus outbreak. It provides an overview of the choice of tendering procedures available to public buyers and applicable deadlines	European Commission Communication 2020/C 108 I/01 (1 April 2020)	
European Union	Guidelines for border management measures to protect health and ensure the availability of goods and essential services. These guidelines set out principles for an integrated approach to an effective border management to protect health while preserving the integrity of the EU Single Market	C(2020) 1753 final (16 March)	
European Union	Communication from the Commission - European Commission Guidelines: Facilitating Air Cargo Operations during COVID-19 outbreak. The guidelines aims to ensure essential transport flows moving. Member States are requested to facilitate air cargo operations during the COVID-19 outbreak	European Commission Guidelines: Facilitating Air Cargo Operations during COVID-19 outbreak (C(2020) 2010 final (26 March)). Viewed at: https://ec.europa.eu/transport/sites/transport/files/legislation/c20202010_en.pdf	
European Union	Guidance on Customs issues related to the COVID-19 emergency. As a result of the crisis created by the COVID-19 pandemic, questions have emerged concerning the application of customs provisions relating to the customs decision-making process, customs procedures and customs formalities. The objective of this page is to offer guidance to the concerned stakeholders on practical solutions given by the current EU legal framework	European Commission. Viewed at: https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/covid-19-taxud-response/guidance-customs-issues-related-covid-19-emergency_en	
European Union	Guidelines on the optimal and rational supply of medicines to avoid shortages during the COVID-19 outbreak. These guidelines aim to protect public health and preserve the integrity of the single market, whilst ensuring that	European Commission Communication 2020/C 116 I/01 (8 April 2020)	

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	Europe has the supply of affordable medicines it needs during the COVID-19 outbreak. The guidelines outlined that: (i) "lifting export bans and restrictions": Member States are expected to protect public health in a spirit of European solidarity. In order to achieve this objective, it is critically important that Member States lift export bans on medicines within the internal market. Whilst it is understandable that countries wish to ensure the availability of essential medicines nationally, export bans are detrimental to the availability of medicines for European patients even when they are legally justifiable. Measures leading to requisitioning of medicines, intermediates or APIs, or their production, should not be considered as an option. These measures, especially as far as they are applied to APIs or intermediates, endanger supply since they lead to a slowdown in industry output; and (ii) "avoiding national stockpiling": the COVID-19 pandemic affects all Member States. They must ensure that essential medicines are available in the hospitals and pharmacies that need them most, regardless of their location. Preventive stockpiling by Member States puts supply at risk for all countries. A fortiori, more localised stockpiling can be even more harmful - Member States should therefore ensure that stockpiling by wholesalers and pharmacies (including by hospital pharmacies) is prevented		
Honduras	Temporary export ban on certain dried leguminous vegetables (<i>frijol rojo en grano</i>) (HS 0713.33.40), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Presidencia de la República, Sala de Prensa. Viewed at: https://presidencia.gob.hn/index.php/sala-de-prensa/7140-gobierno-prohibe-exportaciones-de-frijol-rojo-para-garantizar-abastecimiento-en-emergencia-por-coronavirus	
India	Amendments introduced to the export policy of Personal Protective Equipment/Masks-reg (HS 3926.90; 6217.90; 6307.90; 9018.50; 9018.90; 9020), resulting in an export restriction due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Notification No. 44/2015-2020, Ministry of Commerce and Industry - Department of Commerce, Directorate General of Foreign Trade (31 January 2020)	Effective 31 January 2020
India	Certain products (e.g. surgical masks/disposable mask (2/3 ply); all gloves except NBR gloves; all ophthalmic instruments	Ministry of Commerce and Industry - Department of Commerce, Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Notification Nos. 47/2015-2020 (8 February 2020) and 48/2015-2020 (25 February 2020)	Effective February 2020

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	and appliances under ITCHS 9018.50 except medical goggles; surgical blades; non-woven shoes (disposable); breathing appliances used by airmen, divers, mountaineers and firemen; gas masks with chemical absorbent for filtration against poisonous vapour, smoke, gases; HPDE tarpaulin/plastic tarpaulin; PVD conveyor belts; and biopsy punch) exempted from the export ban implemented due to the COVID-19 pandemic		
India	Amendments introduced to the export policy of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) and formulations made from these APIs (HS 2922.29.33; 2933.29.10; 2933.29.20; 2933.59.90; 2936.22.10; 2936.25.00; 2936.26.10; 2937.23.00; 2941.40.00; 2941.50.00; 2941.90.50; 2941.90.90; 2942.00.90; 3004.20.50; 3004.20.61; 3004.20.95; 3004.39.19; 3004.50.32; 3004.50.34; 3004.50.39; 3004.90.15; 3004.90.21; 3004.90.22; 3004.90.23; 3004.90.99), resulting in an export restriction due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Notification No. 50/2015-2020, Ministry of Commerce and Industry - Department of Commerce, Directorate General of Foreign Trade (3 March 2020)	Effective 3 March 2020
India	Amendments introduced to the export policy of masks, ventilators, and textile raw materials for masks and coveralls (HS 3926.90; 6217.90; 6307.90; 9018; 9020; 5603.11; 5603.12; 5603.13; 5603.14; 5603.91; 5603.92; 5603.93; 5603.94), resulting in an export restriction due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Notification No. 52/2015-2020, Ministry of Commerce and Industry - Department of Commerce, Directorate General of Foreign Trade (19 March 2020)	Effective 19 March 2020
India	Amendments introduced to the export policy of ventilators, including any artificial respiratory apparatus or oxygen therapy or any other breathing appliances/devices and sanitizers (HS 3004.90.87; 3401; 3402; 3808.94; 9018; 9019; 9020), resulting in an export restriction due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Notification No. 53/2015-2020, Ministry of Commerce and Industry - Department of Commerce, Directorate General of Foreign Trade (24 March 2020)	Effective 24 March 2020
India	Amendments introduced to the export policy of hydroxychloroquine (HS 3004.90.87; 3401; 3402; 3808.94; 9018; 9019; 9020), resulting in an export restriction (subject to some exceptions), due to the COVID-19 pandemic.	Ministry of Commerce and Industry - Department of Commerce, Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Notification Nos. 54/2015-2020 (25 March 2020) and 01/2015-2020 (4 April 2020)	Effective 25 March 2020

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	On 4 April 2020, exceptions eliminated resulting in an export prohibition of hydroxychloroquine		
India	Amendments introduced to the import policy of iron and steel and incorporation of policy condition in HS Chapters 72; 73; 86, Schedule-I (import policy), resulting in an extension of validity to 135 days to automatic registration number generated under the Steel Import Monitoring System "SIMS" until 31 March 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Notification No. 58/2015-2020, Ministry of Commerce and Industry - Department of Commerce, Directorate General of Foreign Trade (31 March 2020)	Effective 31 March 2020
India	Imports of certain medical and surgical instruments and apparatus (HS 9018; 9019; 9020; 9021; 9022) exempted from the "health cess"	Ministry of Finance - Department of Revenue - Notification No. 8/2020-Customs (2 February 2020)	Effective 1 April 2020
India	Decrease of import tariffs (from 10% to 5%) on medical or surgical instruments and apparatus (HS 9018; 9019; 9020; 9021; 9022)	Finance Bill, 2020 (Bill No. 26 of 2020) (1 February 2020). Viewed at: https://www.indiabudget.gov.in/doc/Finance_Bill.pdf	Effective 1 April 2020
India	Amendments introduced to the export policy of diagnostic kits (diagnostic or laboratory reagents on a backing, preparation diagnostic or laboratory reagents whether or not on a backing, other than those of heading HS 3006 or 3008; certified reference materials) (HS 3822), resulting in an export restriction due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Notification No. 59/2015-2020, Ministry of Commerce and Industry - Department of Commerce, Directorate General of Foreign Trade (4 April 2020)	Effective 4 April 2020
India	Further amendments introduced to the export policy of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) and formulations made from these APIs (HS 2933.29.10; 2933.29.20; 2933.59.90; 2936.22.10; 2936.25.00; 2936.26.10; 2937.23.00; 2941.40.00; 2941.50.00; 2941.90.90; 2942.00.90; 3004.20.50; 3004.20.61; 3004.20.95; 3004.39.19; 3004.50.32; 3004.50.34; 3004.50.39; 3004.90.15; 3004.90.21; 3004.90.22; 3004.90.23; 3004.90.99), changing from restricted to free, due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Notification No. 02/2015-2020, Ministry of Commerce and Industry - Department of Commerce, Directorate General of Foreign Trade (6 April 2020)	Effective 6 April 2020
India	Temporary elimination of import tariffs on: (i) artificial respiration or other therapeutic respiration apparatus (ventilators) (HS 9018; 9019); (ii) face masks and surgical masks (HS Chapter 63); (iii) personal protection equipment	Notification No. 20/2020-Customs, Ministry of Finance - Department of Revenue (9 April 2020)	Effective 9 April 2020 to 30 September 2020

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	(HS Chapter 62); (iv) COVID-19 testing kits (HS Chapters 30 and 38); and (v) inputs for manufacture of items (i to iv) subject to the condition that the importer follows the procedure set out in the Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Rules, 2012, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Imports also exempted from the Health Cess		
Indonesia	Temporary elimination of import certification requirements on imports of onions and garlic (HS 0703), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Permanent Delegation of Indonesia to the WTO (1 April 2020) and Ministry of Trade Regulation No. 27	Effective 18 March 2020 to 31 May 2020
Indonesia	Temporary export ban on antiseptic, raw materials to fabricate masks, personal protective equipment (PPE), ethyl alcohol and masks (in HS Chapters 22; 30; 38; 56; 62; 63), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Permanent Delegation of Indonesia to the WTO (1 April 2020) and Ministry of Trade Regulation Nos. 23 and 31	Effective 18 March 2020 to 30 June 2020
Indonesia	Temporary elimination of import certification requirements on imports of certain products, e.g. masks and personal protective equipment, due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Permanent Delegation of Indonesia to the WTO (1 April 2020) and Ministry of Trade Regulation No. 28	Effective 23 March 2020 to 30 June 2020
Korea, Rep. of	Temporary export ban on surgical and sanitary masks and melt blown filters (HS 6307.90.90; 5603.12.90; 5603.92.00), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Korea to the WTO (10 April 2020)	Effective 6 March 2020 to 30 June 2020
Korea, Rep. of	Temporary elimination of import tariffs on surgical and sanitary masks and melt blown filters (HS 6307.90.90; 5603.12.10; 5603.12.90; 5603.92.00), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Korea to the WTO (10 April 2020)	Effective until 30 June 2020
Kyrgyz Republic	Temporary export ban on wipes and other antibacterial products; and disinfectants, due to the COVID-19 pandemic (HS 3401; 3408)	WTO document G/MA/QR/N/KGZ/1/Add.1, 24 March 2020	Effective 22 March 2020, for 6 months
Kyrgyz Republic	Temporary export ban on certain food products (e.g. wheat and meslin, wheat flour, cooking oil, rice, pasta, chicken eggs, sugar, iodized table salt, feed (hay, straw, mixed feed, bran and grain feed)), due to the COVID-19 pandemic (HS 0407.11.00; 0407.21.00; 1001; 1006; 1101.00; 1214.90.90; 1512; 1902; 2302; 2309; 2501.00.91)	WTO documents G/MA/QR/N/KGZ/1/Add.1, 24 March 2020 and G/AG//N/KGZ/8, 31 March 2020	Effective 22 March 2020, for 6 months

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Malaysia	Temporary export ban on face masks (HS 6307.90.40; 6307.90.90), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Customs (Prohibition of Exports) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2020, Government Gazette Jil 64 - No. 6 (19 March 2020). Viewed at: http://www.customs.gov.my/ms/cp/Documents/P.U%20%28A%29%2092%20-%20Perintah%20Kastam%20%28Larangan%20Mengenai%20Eksport%29%20%28Pindaan%29%20%28No.%202%29%20-%202020.pdf	Effective 20 March 2020
Morocco	Temporary export ban on face masks, protective masks, and antiseptic preparations (HS 6307.90.50; 3808.94, 3401.11; 3402.20.00; 3926.90.92; 4818.90; 4823.90; 6307.90.40; 6307.90.90; 9020.00.00), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Permanent Delegation of Morocco to the WTO (8 April 2020), Arrêté du Ministre de l'Industrie, du Commerce et de l'Economie Verte et Numérique Nos. 859-20 (2 March 2020) and 926-20 (10 March 2020)	Effective March 2020
New Zealand	Temporary elimination of import tariffs on certain soap, testing kits, diagnostic reagents (HS 3401; 3822), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No. 11) 2020 (25 March 2020)	Effective 25 March 2020 to June 2020
New Zealand	Temporary reduction of import tariffs on all medical and hygiene products, due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Beehive.govt.nz, The Official Website of the New Zealand Government - Releases (28 March 2020). Viewed at: https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/tariff-concessions-covid-19-related-products	
North Macedonia	Temporary export ban on wheat and meslin (HS 1001.19.00; 1001.91.00; 1001.99.00), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	WTO document G/MA/QR/N/MKD/1, 1 April 2020	Effective until 30 April 2020
Pakistan	Temporary export ban on certain personal protective equipment (e.g. face masks, gloves, sanitizers, goggles, "tyvek suits"), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Ministry of Commerce - Order SRO 239(I)/2020 (24 March 2020). Viewed at: http://www.commerce.gov.pk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/S.R.O-239I2020.pdf	Effective 24 March 2020
Panama	Temporary elimination of import tariffs on certain products (in HS Chapters 28; 34; 38; 40; 48; 62; 63; 94), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Consejo de Gabinete, Decreto de Gabinete No. 7 (18 March 2020)	Effective 19 March 2020, for 6 months
Paraguay	Temporary elimination of import tariffs on certain personal protective equipment and pharmaceutical products, due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Ministerio de Hacienda, Noticia Completa (16 March 2020)	
Paraguay	Temporary implementation of export licensing requirements (<i>licencia previa de exportación</i>) on face masks and ethyl alcohol (NCM 3808.94.19; 3808.94.29; 6307.90.10; 9020.00.90), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Decreto No. 3455 - Ministerio de Industria y Comercio (17 March 2020)	Effective 17 March 2020, for 1 year
Paraguay	Extension of the temporary reduction of import tariffs on certain products included in their exception list to the Mercosur Common Tariff (<i>lista de excepciones</i>) (in NCM Chapters 18; 20; 22; 29; 34; 37; 39; 40; 42; 66; 67; 69; 70;	Decreto 3474 - Ministerio de Hacienda (19 March 2020)	Effective 12 March 2020 to 30 June 2020

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	71; 73; 76; 82; 83; 84; 85; 90; 91; 92; 94; 95; 96), due to the COVID-19 pandemic		
Paraguay	Temporary reduction of VAT on imports of certain personal protective equipment and pharmaceutical products (NCM 2828.90.11; 3808.94.19; 3808.94.29; 4015.11.00; 6210.10.00; 6307.90.10; 6307.90.90; 9020.00.90), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Decreto 3477 - Ministerio de Hacienda (20 March 2020)	Effective 20 March 2020 to 30 June 2020
Peru	Temporary elimination of import tariffs (from 11% and 6%) on pharmaceutical products and personal protective equipment (77 tariff lines at 10-digit level, in HS Chapters 22; 28; 29; 30; 40; 62; 63; 65; 90), due to the COVID-pandemic	Permanent Delegation of Peru to the WTO (14 April 2020) and Decreto Supremo Nos. 051-2020-EF (13 March 2020) and 59-2020-EF (28 March 2020)	Effective March 2020
Philippines	Healthcare equipment and supplies exempted from import duties, taxes and other fees, due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Republic Act No. 11469, Congress of the Philippines (25 March 2020)	
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Temporary elimination of import tariffs on certain products, e.g. vegetables, fruits, fruit juices, cold preparations, vitamins, hand sanitizers, hands sanitizer dispensing machines, rubbing alcohol, gloves, masks, and cleansing or sanitizing wipes (in HS Chapters 07; 08; 20; 21; 29; 30; 34; 39; 40; 48; 63; 90), due to the COVID-pandemic. Imports also exempted from VAT	Saint Kitts and Nevis - Customs & Excise Department - Memorandum (26 March 2020)	Effective 26 March 2020, for 6 months
South Africa	"COVID-19 export control regulation" on certain personal protective equipment (e.g. face masks, disinfectant) (HS 3008.94; 6307.90; 9020.00; 2933.39; 2933.49; 2933.99; 3002.12; 3002.20; 3004), due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Goods shall not be exported except by virtue of an export permit	Permanent Delegation of South Africa to the WTO (6 April 2020) and Department of Trade and Industry, Notice No. R.424 - Government Gazette No. 43177 (27 March 2020)	Effective 27 March 2020
Switzerland	Temporary moratorium on default interest on late payments of customs duties, due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Ordinance 641.207.2 (20 March 2020). Viewed at: https://www.admin.ch/opc/fr/classified-compilation/20200842/index.html#a2	Effective 21 March 2020 to 31 December 2020
Switzerland	Exports of personal protective equipment and essential medical goods (HS 30; 39; 40; 48; 61; 62; 63; 90) subject to export authorization by the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Exports to the	Permanent Delegation of Switzerland to the WTO (8 April 2020) and COVID-19 Ordinance 2. Viewed at: https://www.admin.ch/opc/fr/classified-compilation/20200744/index.html	Effective 26 March 2020, revised 4 April 2020

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	European Union members, EFTA members, the United Kingdom, Faroe Islands, Andorra, San Marino and the Vatican City, as well as the overseas countries and territories listed in Annex II of the European Treaty exempted, under certain conditions (as long as reciprocity is guaranteed, i.e. similar exports from the aforementioned states and territories to Switzerland do not require a licence or indeed are not prohibited)		
Switzerland	Temporary elimination of import tariffs on certain personal protective equipment and medical equipment (in HS Chapters 28; 38; 39; 40; 48; 61; 62; 63; 65; 90), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Ordinance (8 April 2020). Viewed at: https://www.news.admin.ch/news/message/attachments/60922.pdf	Effective 10 April 2020 to 9 October 2020
Thailand	Temporary export ban on surgical masks; face-masks for protection against dust, smoke or toxic substance used for safety apparatus and others (HS 6307.90.40; 6307.90.90), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	WTO document G/MA/QR/N/THA/2/Add.3, 2 April 2020	Effective 5 February 2020, for 1 year
Thailand	Temporary export ban on bird eggs of fowls of the species <i>Gallus Domesticus</i> (HS 0407.21.00; 0407.29.90)	WTO document G/MA/QR/N/THA/2/Add.3, 2 April 2020	Originally effective 26 March 2020 to 1 April 2020. Extended from 2 April 2020 to 30 April 2020
Ukraine	Temporary export restriction on insulated waterproof laboratory suits; disposable (single use) medical insulative overall, gloves of other polymer material; nitrile medical gloves non-sterile non-starch; nitrile non-powdered gloves; medical and surgical face masks; safety glasses; full face visors; respirator with protection rate not less than FFP2; undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strength by volume of 80% volume or higher; ethyl alcohol and other spirits, except for bioethanol, distilled beverages, denatured, of any strength, and similar (HS 3926.20.00; 6210.10.92; 6210.10.98; 4015.11.00; 4015.19.00;	WTO document G/MA/QR/N/UKR/4/Add.2, 31 March 2020	Effective 14 March 2020 to 1 June 2020 (for ethyl alcohol - effective 25 March 2020 to 1 June 2020)

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	6307.90.98; 9004.90.10; 9004.90.90; 9020.00.00; 2207), due to the COVID-19 pandemic		
Ukraine	Temporary elimination of import tariffs on medicine, medical goods and medical equipment (in HS Chapters 22; 28; 29; 30; 34; 38; 39; 40; 42; 48; 61; 62; 63; 65; 70; 84; 85; 90; 94), due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Imports also exempted from VAT	Permanent Delegation of Ukraine to the WTO (13 April 2020) and Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 224 (20 March 2020). Viewed at: https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/224-2020-n?fbclid=IwAR2E5-us7p3rAan_KeyY7pDbCfLAZByYu7eYmEhuwzvwi80BBWOFxjAdSuE#n9%E2%80%8B	Effective 21 March 2020
United Kingdom	Temporary export ban (including parallel exportation from the UK) of certain medicaments (HS 2501; 2530; 2827; 2835; 2907; 2922; 2923; 2924; 2933; 2934; 2935; 2936; 2937; 2939; 2941; 2942; 3001; 3002; 3003; 3004; 3104), needed to treat COVID-19 patients in ICU and other settings for the protection of UK public health. The restrictions do not apply to drugs manufactured or intended for other countries and as such apply only to export of drugs put in the supply chain for UK patients. The legal basis of the restrictions is regulations 43(2) and 78 of the Human Medicines Regulations 2012 requiring wholesale dealers and marketing authorisation holders to ensure continued supply for UK patients. These are temporary measures, in place to relieve critical shortages of medicines necessary for the protection of human health	United Kingdom Mission to Geneva (9 April 2020). Viewed at: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/876961/Medicines_that_cannot_be_parallel_exported_from_the_UK_MASTER__4_.csv/preview	
United Kingdom	Temporary elimination of import tariffs on medical supplies, equipment and protective garments (in HS Chapters 22; 28; 30; 34; 38; 39; 40; 48; 56; 61; 62; 63; 65; 84; 90), due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Imports also exempted from VAT	United Kingdom Mission to Geneva (9 April 2020); GOV.UK: business and industry, trade and investment, customs declarations, duties and tariffs (import abnd export). Viewed at: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pay-no-import-duty-and-vat-on-medical-supplies-equipment-and-protective-garments-covid-19?utm_source=miragenews&utm_medium=miragenews&utm_campaign=news; and https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877754/COVID_19_commodity_codes_list.csv/preview	Effective until 27 March 2020 to 31 July 2020
<i>The United Kingdom withdrew from the European Union as of 1 February 2020. During the transition period, which ends on 31 December 2020, European Union law, with a few limited exceptions, continues to be applicable to and in the United Kingdom. During the transition period, the information provided by the European Union which is relevant to this document continues to cover the United Kingdom</i>			
United States	Temporary exclusion of certain products from the additional duty of 25% on a list of 19 products from China (imposed on 1 September	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)	Effective 1 September 2019 to 1

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	2019). Published on 20 March 2020 but effective retroactively from 1 September 2019		September 2020
United States	Temporary exclusion of certain products from the additional duty of 25% on a list of products from China (imposed on 1 September 2019). Published on 20 March 2020 but effective retroactively from 1 September 2019	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. 50 FR No. 15247 (15 March 2020)	Effective 1 September 2019 to 1 September 2020
United States	Presidential Memoranda allocating to domestic use certain personal protective equipment (e.g. N-95 filtering facepiece respirators; other filtering facepiece respirators; elastomeric, air-purifying respirators and appropriate particulate filters/cartridges; PPE surgical masks; and PPE gloves or surgical glove), due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency (44 CFR Part 328): Prioritization and Allocation of Certain Scarce or Threatened Health and Medical Resources to Domestic Use, Federal Register/Vol. 85, No. 70 FR No. 20195 (10 April 2020) . Viewed at: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-04-10/pdf/2020-07659.pdf/	Effective 7 April 2020 to 10 August 2020
United States	Initiation of an investigation by the United States International Trade Commission aiming at identifying imported goods related to the response to COVID-19, their source countries, tariff classifications, and applicable rates of duty. The Commission will seek to provide: (i) the 10-digit HTS code for the article; (ii) its legal description; (iii) general duty rate; (iv) any special or additional rates of duty imposed; (v) the dates on which the rates were imposed; (vi) the authorities under which they were imposed; (vii) whether any such duties have been suspended and, if so, the date of suspension as well as how long the suspension is scheduled to last; (viii) the total rate of duty imposed on such article, including any special or additional rate of duty; and (ix) the major countries of origin for each such article, and the import value of each such article from each country for the years 2017-19	United States International Trade Commission - Investigation No. 332-576 - COVID-19, Related Goods: U.S. Imports and Tariffs (13 April 2020)	Report to be delivered as soon as possible, but not later than 30 April 2020
Uruguay	Temporary elimination of import tariffs on certain personal protective equipment and pharmaceutical products, due to the COVID-19 pandemic (in NCM Chapters 28; 30; 34; 38; 39; 40; 56; 62; 63; 65; 90; 94)	Resolución Ministerio de Economía y Finanzas - (24 March 2020)	Effective 24 March 2020

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