

COVID-19: Trade and trade-related measures

(as of 29 March 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
Argentina	Temporary implementation of export licensing requirement on medical ventilators (artificial respiration apparatus) (NCM 9019.20.10), due to the Covid-19 pandemic	Decreto Nº 301/2020 (19 March 2020)	Effective 20 March 2020
Argentina	On 21 March 2020 temporary suspension of the anti-dumping duty 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)	Resolución No. 114/2020 Ministerio de Desarrollo Productivo (20 March 2020)	
Argentina	On 24 March 2020 temporary suspension of the anti-dumping duty on imports of parenteral solutions (NCM 3004.90.99) from Brazil and Mexico (investigation initiated on 29 June 2018 and definitive duty imposed on 2 December 2019)	Resolución No. 118/2020 Ministerio de Desarrollo Productivo (23 March 2020)	
Brazil	Temporary elimination of import tariffs on certain personal protective equipment (NCM in Chapters 22; 29; 38; 39; 40; 56; 62; 63; 65; 73; 90), due to the Covid-19 pandemic	Resolução No. 17/2020, Ministerio da Economia/Camara de Comercio Exterior/Comité-Executivo de Gestão (17 March 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
Canada	Temporary elimination of import tariffs on certain products (e.g. essential items including, but not limited to, face masks, surgical gloves and disinfectants) imported by public health agencies, hospitals and testing sites, and first response organizations, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Products also exempted from sales taxes	Permanent Delegation of Canada to the WTO (26 March 2020). Government of Canada - Justice Laws Website Viewed at: https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/PDF/SOR-98-58.pdf	Effective 16 March 2020
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	Effective 28 February 2020 to 27 February 2021

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		Canada tax commission announcement 2020 No. 3. Viewed at: http://gss.mof.gov.cn/gzdt/zhengcefabu/202002/t20200221_3472600.htm (21 February 2020)	
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 32; 34; 35; 38; 39; 40; 42; 48; 58; 70; 73; 74; 76; 82; 83; 84; 85; 87; 90)	Decreto No. 410/2020 - Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo (16 March 2020)	Effective 16 March 2020, for 6 months
Colombia	Temporary export ban on certain personal protective equipment (in Chapters HS 22; 30; 34; 38; 39; 40; 48; 63; 90; 94), due to the Covid-19 pandemic	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...), due to the Covid-19 pandemic	Ministerio de Hacienda, Directriz DGA-003-2020 (March 2020)	Effective 18 March 2020
Ecuador	Temporary elimination of import tariffs on face masks (HS 6307.90.30), due to the Covid-19 pandemic	Ministerio de Producción, Comercio Exterior, Inversiones y Pesca (5 March 2020)	Effective 2 March 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	Commission Implementing Regulations 2020/402 (14 March 2020) and 2020/426 (19 March 2020)	Effective 15 March 2020, for a period of 6 weeks
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 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 Commission Notice 2020/C 96 I/01 (24 March 2020)	
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 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	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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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 certain conditions), due to the Covid-19 pandemic	Notification No. 54/2015-2020, Ministry of Commerce and Industry - Department of Commerce, Directorate General of Foreign Trade (25 March 2020)	Effective 25 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
Kyrgyz Republic	Temporary export ban on wipes and other antibacterial products; and disinfectants, due to 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
Morocco	Temporary export ban on face masks (HS 6307.90.50), due to the Covid-19 pandemic	Ministère de l'Economie, des Finances et de la Réforme de l'Administration - Administration des Douanes et Impôts Indirects, Circulaire 6021/311 (3 March 2020)	Effective 3 March 2020
Paraguay	Temporary elimination of import tariffs on certain personal protective equipment and pharmaceutical products, due to the Covid-19 pandemic (NCM...)	Ministerio de Hacienda, Noticia Completa (16 March 2020)	
Switzerland	Exports of personal protective equipment (HS 39; 40; 48; 61; 62; 63; 90) subject to the export authorization by the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Exports to the 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	State Secretariat for Economic Affairs - Ordonnance. Viewed at: https://www.news.admin.ch/news/message/attachments/60760.pdf	Effective 26 March 2020

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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 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. 47 FR No. 13970 (10 March 2020)	Effective 1 September 2019 to 1 September 2020
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 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
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)	Ministerio de Economía y Finanzas - Comunicado (23 March 2020)	Effective 23 March 2020

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