

Customs support measures due to COVID-19

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In brief

1. Green route for socially important goods

The State Revenue Committee opened a “green route” for import of socially important goods.

Major importers of socially important goods are exempt from customs control during customs clearance (customs inspection, expert study and control of the customs value of goods).

2. Waived customs duties

According to the Decision of the Eurasian Economic Commission (No. 21 of 16 March), customs duties will not be applied for goods included in the List of goods imported into the Eurasian Economic Union (“EAEU”) to implement measures to prevent COVID-19. Examples include talcum powder for the production of masks and gloves, products for the production of disinfectants, vaccines. This incentive is applicable from 3 April to 30 September 2020.

3. Customs inspection

The State Revenue Committee has announced certain inspection measures were suspended or cancelled including:

- physical provision of customs inspection documents, as well as verification of customs documents and records (acts of inspections, notifications, requirements) - suspended;
- field customs inspections announced but not started as of 16 March 2020 (cancelled);
- Initiation of field customs inspections is suspended, except for reasons envisaged by the Criminal Code;
- consultations between declarants and state revenue authorities are suspended;
- deadlines for reports on use of foreign goods, including goods for which lower customs duty rates are applied (compared to rates established by the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System of the EAEU) are changed from quarterly to half-year reporting (submitted on/before 10th day of the month following the reporting month).