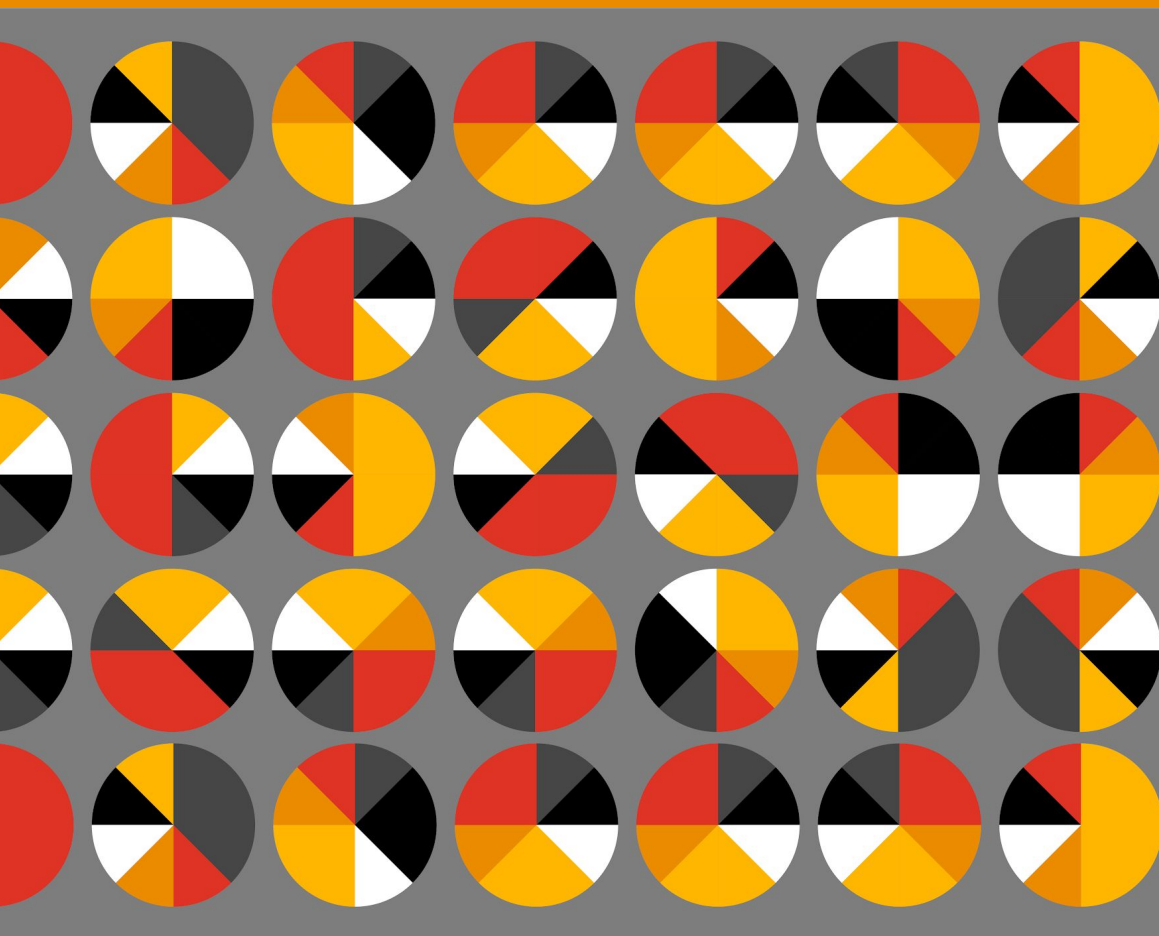


Qatar: Customs exemption of certain food and medical goods due to COVID-19

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Introduction

On 16th of March 2020 and upon the directions of HH the Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the State of Qatar started implementing a package of decisions and measures to mitigate the impact of COVID-19, including a decision to exempt food and medical goods from customs duties for a period of six months, provided that this is reflected in the selling price to the consumer.

Implementation of HH the Emir's decisions

In line with HH the Emir's decisions, the General Authority of Customs has published, on their official website, a list of 905 exempted food and medical goods. The published list also includes the relevant Unified HS Codes for each exempted good. The exemption is valid for six months.

The exempted goods, as per the published list, vary between basic food items (such as meat, fish, dairy products, oil, baked goods, juice, etc.) and a number of preventative medical supplies for personal and household hygiene (such as face masks, sanitisers, soap, etc.).

To access the official statement of the General Authority of Customs and the published list, please follow [this link](#).

Should you wish to discuss this, or any other Customs Duty matters, please reach out to our Indirect Tax team in Doha.

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