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Exports in February 2020 were USD 28 billion, as compared to USD 27 billion in February 2019, exhibiting a positive growth of 3 per cent. Cumulative value of exports for the period April-February 2019-20 was USD 293 billion as against USD 297 billion during the period April-February 2018-19, registering a negative growth of (-) 1.5 per cent in Dollar terms.

On the other hand, imports in February 2020 were USD 38 billion which was 2.5 per cent higher in Dollar terms over imports of USD 37 billion in February 2019. Cumulative value of imports for the period April-February 2019-20 was USD 436 billion as against USD 470 billion during the period April-February 2018-19, registering a negative growth of (-) 7 per cent in Dollar terms.

Exports of services in January 2020 were USD 19 billion registering a positive growth of 7 per cent in dollar terms, vis-à-vis January 2019 whereas imports in January 2020 were USD 12 billion registering a positive growth of 9 per cent in dollar terms, vis-à-vis January 2019.

Non-petroleum and Non-Gems and Jewellery exports in February 2020 were USD 21 billion, as compared to USD 20 billion in February 2019, exhibiting a positive growth of 6 per cent. Non-petroleum and Non-Gems and Jewellery exports in April-February 2019-20 were USD 219 billion, as compared to USD 218 billion for the corresponding period in 2018-19, an increase of 0.5 per cent.

Taking merchandise and services together, overall trade deficit for April-February 2019-201 is estimated at USD 68 billion as compared to USD 101 billion in April-February 2018-19. The trade deficit for February 2020 was estimated at USD 9.8 billion as against the deficit of USD 9.7 billion in February 2019.

During February 2020, the top 5 exported products in terms of volume are Engineering

Goods (USD 7245 million), followed by Petroleum Products (USD 3394 million), Gems & Jewellery (USD 3019 million), Organic & Inorganic Chemicals (USD 2010 million) and Drugs & Pharmaceuticals (USD 1745 million).

During February 2020, the top 5 imported products in terms of volume are Petroleum, & products (USD 10756 millon), Crude followed by Electronic (USD 3517 million), Machinery, electrical & (USD 3356 million), Pearls, non-electrical precious & Semiprecious stones (USD 2443 million)and Gold (USD 236 2 million).

On the exports and imports front, several developments took place such as prohibition of export of all ventilators, including any artificial respiratory apparatus or oxygen therapy apparatus or any other breathing appliance/device and no export of Sanitizers also, prohibition of export of Masks, Ventilators and textile raw material for masks and coveralls, amendment in Import Policy of items under chapter 26 and 27 of ITC (HS), 2017 Schedule-I (Import Policy), among others.

On the policy and regulatory level, various developments took place such as extension of Foreign Trade Policy 2015-2020 for one year, relaxations provided on compliances to be met by units / developers / co-developers of SEZs, helpdesk operationalized by DGFT for COVID-19 related Export or Import issue, DPIIT sets up a Control Room to monitor the status of transportation and delivery of goods, manufacturing, and delivery of essential commodities, Cabinet approves scheme for "Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP)" to boost exports Scheme for enhancing Exports to International Markets, among others.



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## Developments in India's Foreign Trade



## 1. Developments in India's Foreign Trade

## 1.1. Exports

 Exports grew by 3% during February 2020: Exports in February 2020 were USD 28 billion, as compared to USD 27 billion in February 2019, exhibiting a positive growth of 3 per cent.

India's Trade Statistics at a Glance

Merchandise	June- 19	July- 19	Aug- 19	Sep- 19	Oct- 19	Nov- 19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb- 20
Exports (USD billion)	25	26	26	26	26	26	28	26	28
Growth (%)	-10	2	-6	-6	-1	-0.3	-2	-2	3
Imports (USD billion)	40	39	39	37	37	38	39	41	38
Growth (%)	-9	-10	-13	-14	-16	-13	-9	-0.7	2.5
Trade Balance (USD billion)	-15	-13	-13	-11	-11	-12	-11	-15	-10

Source: PHD Research Bureau; PHDCCI Compiled from Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Govt of India

- Non-petroleum and Non-Gems and Jewellery exports in February 2020 were USD 21 billion, as compared to USD 20 billion in February 2019, exhibiting a positive growth of 6 per cent.
- During February 2020, the top 5 exported products showing positive growth over the corresponding month of last year are Oil seeds (50%), Iron Ore (38%), Electronic Goods (37%), Jute Mfg. including Floor Covering (25%) and Organic & Inorganic Chemicals (16%).
- Exports of services in January 2020 were USD 19 billion registering a positive growth of 7 per cent in dollar terms, vis-à-vis January 2019.

Trade in Services at a Glance

Services	Feb-	Mar-	Apr-	May-	Jun-	Jul-	Aug-	Sep-	Oct-	Nov-	Dec-	Jan-
	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	20
Exports (Receipts) (USD billion)	17	17.9	18	18	19	19	18	17	18	18	20	19
Imports (Payments) (USD billion)	10	11.3	11	12	12	13	12	11	11	11	13	12
Trade Balance (USD billion)	7	6.5	7	6	7	6	6	6	7	7	7	7

Source: PHD Research Bureau; PHDCCI Compiled from Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Govt of India

Taking merchandise and services together, overall trade deficit for April-February 2019-20 is estimated at USD 68 billion as compared to USD 101 billion in April-February 2018-19. The trade deficit for February 2020 was estimated at USD 9.8 billion as against the deficit of USD 9.7 billion in February 2019. As per RBI's Press Release dated 13th March 2020, the trade balance in Services (i.e. Net Services export) for January 2020 is estimated at USD 7 billion.



## **Exports in news**

- Export prohibited of all ventilators, including any artificial respiratory apparatus or oxygen therapy apparatus or any other breathing appliance/device; No Export of Sanitizers also- In its efforts to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government today prohibited the export of all ventilators, including any artificial respiratory apparatus or oxygen therapy apparatus or any other breathing appliance/device. The Ventilators were put in the prohibited category on 19th March, 2020 itself. However, the notification (No 53/2015-2020) issued by Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry today further amended the export policy. It widens the ambit of products under the prohibited category and will prevent any scope of export of these items by any other classification. The Government has also prohibited the export of all Sanitizers.
- Export of Masks, Ventilators and textile raw material for masks and coveralls prohibited- The export of Ventilators, Surgical/Disposable Masks (2/3 ply) and Textile raw material used for masks and coveralls has been prohibited with immediate effect. A Notification (No.52/2015-2020) issued by Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry says that amendments in this regard have been made in the Export Policy. All other items except surgical/disposable (2/3 ply) masks allowed in the Notification No.48 dated 25.2.2020 shall remain free for exports.
- Government announces amendment in the the export policy condition of Animal by-products- The Central Government has amended the export policy condition with immediate effect of Animal by-products. Now the "Health certificate" for items specified under serial no. 41 and 171 of schedule 2 of ITCHS Export Policy for export of Animal by-products will be issued by Export Inspection Council.
- In the interest of farmers, Government permits export of onions w.e.f 15th March 2020- The Government has permitted export of onions with effect from 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020. In this regard, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India has issued a notification. According to the notification, Onions which were in the "prohibited" category as per the present policy, will be under the category "free" in the revised policy. The effect of the notification will be that the export of all varieties of onions has been made 'free' without any condition of Letter of Credit and Minimum Export Price with effect from 15<sup>th</sup> march, 2020.
- Government amends Export Policy of APIs and formulations made from certain APIs—The Government has made amendments in the export policy and restricted export of specified APIs (Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients) and formulations made from these APIs. A notification issued by Directorate General of Foreign Trade, M/o Commerce and Industry says that the restrictions will come into immediate effect and until further orders. The notification covers APIs and formulations made from APIs such as Paracetamol, Tinidazole, Metronidazole, Acyclovir, Vitamin B1, Vitamin B6, Vitamin B12, Progesterone, Chloramphenicol, Erythromycin Salts, Neomycin, Clindamycin Salts and Ornidazole.



• Coronavirus outbreak has cost global value chains USD 50 billion in exports: UNCTAD- According to estimates published by UNCTAD, the slowdown of manufacturing in China due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak is disrupting world trade and could result in a USD 50 billion decrease in exports across global value chains. Because China has become the central manufacturing hub of many global business operations, a slowdown in China's production has repercussions for any given country depending on how reliant its industries are on China's suppliers. According to UNCTAD estimates, the most affected sectors include precision instruments, machinery, automotive and communication equipment. Among the most affected economies are the European Union (USD 15.6 billion), the United States (USD 5.8 billion), Japan (USD 5.2 billion), the Republic of Korea (USD 3.8 billion), Taiwan Province of China (USD 2.6 billion) and Vietnam (USD 2.3 billion).

## 1.2. Imports

- Imports grew by 2.5% during February 2020: Imports in February 2020 were USD 38 billion which was 2.5 per cent higher in Dollar terms over imports of USD 37 billion in February 2019.
- Imports of services in January 2020 were USD 12 billion registering a positive growth of 9 per cent in dollar terms, vis-à-vis January 2019.
- Oil imports in February 2020 were USD 11 billion which was 14 percent higher in Dollar terms compared to USD 9 billion in February 2019. Oil imports in April-February 2019-20 were USD 119 billion which was 7.5 per cent lower in Dollar terms compared to USD 129.14 billion over the same period last year.
- Non-oil imports in February 2020 were estimated at USD 27 billion which was 1.6 per cent lower in Dollar terms compared to USD 27 billion in February 2019. Non-oil imports in April-February 2019-20 were USD 317 billion which was 7 per cent lower in Dollar terms compared to USD 341 billion in April-February 2018-19.
- **During February 2020**, the top 5 imported products showing highest growth over the corresponding month of last year are Project goods (79%), Fruits & vegetables (40%), Pulses (32%), Vegetable Oil (26%) and Petroleum, Crude & products (14%).

## Imports in news

 Government amends Import Policy of items under chapter 26 and 27 of ITC (HS), 2017 Schedule-I (Import Policy)- The Government has made amendments in the import policy and policy conditions for Zinc Dross (HS code 2620 1910), Light Naphtha (HS code 2710 1221), Heavy Naphtha (HS code 2710 1222), Full Range Naphtha (HS code 2710 1229) and Aviation Gasoline (HS code 2710 1250) under chapter 26 and 27 of ITC (HS), 2017 Schedule-I (Import Policy).



- CBIC defers e-sealing on deposit and removal of goods from Customs Bonded Warehouses- CBIC vide Circular. No. 10/2020 ("Circular") dated February 7, 2020 has extended the electronic sealing for deposit in and removal of goods from custom bonded warehouse. Later the representations were received from e-seal vendors to defer the implementation of the Circular. In view of the same CBIC vide Circular No. 16/2020- Customs dated March 16, 2020 has deferred the implementation of the Circular no. 10/2020 till April 30, 2020. The new date of implementation of the said Circular shall be from May 1, 2020.
- Government announces amendment in the import policy condition of Iron & Steel
  The Central Government has also amended the import policy condition of Iron & Steel
  and incorporation of policy condition in chapter 72, 73 and 86 of ITC (HS) 2017
  Schedule I (Import Policy). One-time relaxation is provided through extension of
  validity to 135 days of the automatic registration number generated under Steel
  Import Monitoring System (SIMS) till 31.03.2020.



## Developments in India's Foreign Investments



## 2. Developments in India's Foreign Investments

- FDI inflows in India stands at USD 16 billion during Q3 2019-20- The Total Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows (Equity inflows + Re-invested earnings + Other capital) in India stands at USD 16 billion during Q3 October to December 2019-20. During April to December 2019-20, total FDI inflows stands at about USD 51 billion. During April to December 2019-20, FDI equity inflows stands at about USD 37 billion as against USD 33 billion during the same corresponding period of last year, registering a growth rate of 10% year on year. Mauritius stands at first rank amongst the top 10 investing countries in India with USD 142 billion cumulative FDI equity inflows followed by Singapore with USD 95 billion and Japan with USD 33 billion during April 2000 to December 2019. Countries such as Netherlands, USA, UK, Germany, Cyprus, France and UAE are amongst the other top investing countries.
- RBI revises investment limits by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI): RBI has revised investment limits by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI). The limit for FPI investments in corporate bonds is increased to 15% of outstanding stock for FY 2020-21. The current FPI limit is Rs 3,17,000 crores which has been revised to Rs 4,29,244 crores for HY Apr, 2020- Sep, 2020 and Rs. 5,41,488 crores for HY Oct 2020- Mar 2021.



# Developments in Bilateral Trade and Investments



## 3. Developments in India's Bilateral Trade and Investments

- Benefits of Free Trade Agreements- The Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) signed by India provide tariff concessions thereby giving opportunities for exports of products including those related to small and medium enterprises (SMEs). Some of the SME products on which tariff concessions have been provided by trading partners such as Japan, South Korea and some ASEAN countries fall into the category of readymade garments, leather goods, processed foods and engineering products like auto components. The specific export promotion schemes for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) include those for participation in international exhibitions and fairs, training programme on packaging for exports, Market Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme for MSME exporters and National Award for quality products.
- Cabinet approves MoU between India and Germany in Railway sector- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi was apprised of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Ministry of Railways, Government of India with Germany for technological cooperation in Railway Sector. The MoU was signed in February, 2020. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for technological cooperation in Railway Sector will enable cooperation in the areas of freight operations, passenger operations, infrastructure building and management, among others.



## India and WTO



## 4. India and WTO

- Trade in Medical goods in the context of tackling pandemic COVID-19: According to WTO, trade in medical products stood at about USD 2 trillion in 2019 (including intra-EU trade) i.e., 5% of total world merchandise trade. Trade of products described as critical and in severe shortage during the pandemic COVID-19 including disinfectants, face masks, gloves, sanitizer, sterlizers, syringes, thermometers, among others stood at about USD 597 billion in 2019 i.e., 1.7% of total world merchandise trade. Economies such as Germany, US and Switzerland supply 35% of medical products. Further, economies such as China, Germany and the US export 40% of personal protective products including hand soap and sanitizer, face masks, protective spectacles.
- Services trade growth weakens as COVID-19 crisis hits global economy: WTO's Services Trade Barometer- World services trade growth continued to weaken towards the end of 2019 and into the first quarter of 2020 according to the WTO's latest Services Trade Barometer. The latest reading of 96.8 is down from the 98.4 recorded last September and well below the baseline value of 100 for the index, suggesting below-trend growth in world services trade. The indicator does not yet fully capture the economic impact of the COVID-19 virus and is likely to decline further in the coming months.
- WTO Ruling against India: A Dispute Settlement Panel of WTO in its report issued to members on 31 October 2019 has ruled India's export promotion schemes (e.g. Merchandise Exports from India Scheme, Export Oriented Units Scheme, Special Economic Zone Scheme, Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme and Duty Free Imports for Exporters Scheme etc) to be export contingent and in the nature of prohibited subsidies under the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures and thus inconsistent with WTO norms. The Panel has given time-frame of 90-180 days for withdrawal of these schemes. However, India has appealed the Panel Report on 19 November, 2019 and due to non-functioning of Appellate Body, the appeal has been kept in suspension. Till the appeal is disposed of, India is under no obligation to implement the recommendations of Panel.



## Policy Developments



## 5. Policy Developments

- Government allows Electronic filling and Issuance of Preferential Certificate of Origin for India's Exports under various FTAs/PTAs w.e.f. 07th April 2020: Online Platform for Preferential Certificate of Origin is being further expanded to take up various other FTAs/PTAs. The platform has been designed as a single-point access for all FTAs/PTAs, for all designated Certificate of Origin (CoO) issuing agencies and for all export products, and is accessible at the URL: <a href="https://coo.dgft.gov.in">https://coo.dgft.gov.in</a>. Further, Preferential Certificate of Origin for exports to various other countries under following FTAs/PTAs shall also be applied and issued only from this online platform with effect from 07th April 2020.
- Foreign Trade Policy 2015-2020 extended for one year- The Union Commerce and Industry Ministry has announced changes in the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) of Government of India. The present Policy which came into force on 1st April, 2015, is for 5 years and has validity upto 31st March, 2020. In view of the unprecedented current situation arising out of the pandemic Novel COVID-19, the Govt. has decided to continue relief under various export promotion schemes by granting extension of the existing Foreign Trade Policy by another one year i.e. up to 31st March, 2021. Several other relief measures have also been announced to support trade and industry.
- Relaxations provided on compliances to be met by units / developers / codevelopers of SEZs- In view of the sudden outbreak of pandemic COVID-19 and the nation-wide lock-down, most Government offices are closed and a few involved in emergency services etc., are functioning with skeletal staff. The Department of Commerce has therefore decided to provide suitable relaxations on compliances to be met by units / developers / co-developers of Special Economic Zones (SEZs). Such compliances to which the relaxations will apply include the requirement to file Quarterly Progress Report (QPR), SOFTEX form to be filed by IT/ITES units, Filing of Annual Performance Reports (APR) by SEZ units, among others.
- Helpdesk operationalized by DGFT for COVID-19 related Export or Import issue- For any COVID-19 related Export or Import issue, a Helpdesk has been operationalized by Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) in the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Exporters/importers may directly flag their issues through- Contact@DGFT Platform (http://rla.dgft.gov.in:8100/CRS\_NEW/), Email: dgftedi@nic.in and Call at Toll free number: 1800-111-550.
- DPIIT sets up a Control Room to monitor the status of transportation and delivery of goods, manufacturing, and delivery of essential commodities- Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, has set up a control room to monitor in real time the status of transportation and delivery of goods, manufacturing, delivery of essential commodities to common man and the difficulties being faced by various stakeholders during the lockdown



period from 25.3.2020 to 14.4.2020. In the event of any manufacturing, transporter, distributor, wholesaler or e-commerce companies facing ground level difficulties in transportation and distribution of goods or mobilization of resources, the same may be informed to the Department at:-Telephone: + 91 11 23062487 and Email: controlroom-dpiit@gov.in. The telephone number will be functional from 8 AM to 6 PM. The issues reported by various stakeholders will be taken up by the Department with the concerned state government, district and police authorities, and other concerned agencies.

- Cabinet approves scheme for "Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP)" to boost exports Scheme for enhancing Exports to International Markets—The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for introducing the Scheme for Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) under which a mechanism would be created for reimbursement of taxes/ duties/ levies, at the central, state and local level, which are currently not being refunded under any other mechanism, but which are incurred in the process of manufacture and distribution of exported products. This scheme is going to give a boost to the domestic industry and Indian exports providing a level playing field for Indian producers in the International market so that domestic taxes/duties are not exported.
- Steps taken by CBIC to facilitate clearances in view of situation arising due to Corona virus- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) has issued certain instructions to facilitate clearances in view of situation arising due to Corona virus such as Instruction No.2/2020-Customs dated 20.02.2020 requesting Chief Commissioners to immediately workout the arrangement and deployment sufficient number of officers on 24X7 basis at sea ports/Air Cargo Stations/ICDs/CFSs etc falling in their jurisdiction to tackle any incipient instance of congestion/surge and JNCH Public Notice No.24/2020 dated 20.02.2020 stating that the Bills of entry filed late for clearance of import consignments from China will not attract any late fee charges based on a letter submitted by the importer/Custom Broker that the delay in filing the Bill on Entry was on account of non-receipt of documents from China.
- Cabinet approves the Foreign Direct Investment policy on Civil Aviation- To permit foreign investment upto 100% by those NRIs, who are Indian Nationals, in case of M/s Air India Ltd., the Union Cabinet, chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has approved to amend the extant FDI Policy to permit Foreign Investment (s) in M/s Air India Ltd by NRIs, who are Indian Nationals, upto to 100% under automatic route. This amendment to the FDI Policy are meant to liberalise and simplify the FDI policy to provide ease of doing business in the country leading to largest FDI inflows and thereby contributing to growth of investment, income and employment.



## Miscellaneous Developments



## 6. Miscellaneous Developments

- India calls for further enhancing affordable access to medicines and facilitating easier movement of health professionals across national borders- India has called for working towards creating a global framework for further enhancing affordable access to medicines for fighting pandemics and facilitating easier movement of health professionals across national borders. In his Interventions at the meeting of the Trade and Investment Ministers of the G20 countries, the Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal stressed on the need to uphold our multilateral commitments and improve upon its effectiveness to meet current challenges.
- Over 1.75 Lakh people visit Business Immunity Platform website in a week- The Invest India Business Immunity Platform hosted on the website of Invest India, India's National Investment Promotion & Facilitation Agency, under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry is working 24X7 as a comprehensive resource to help businesses and investors get real-time updates on India's active response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). The platform launched on 21st March, 2020 has received over 1.75 lakh visitors from 50+ countries by 10 A.M. on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020. There are 423 Government advisories and notification on the website, along with 205 Blogs, inforgraphics, videos and resources.
- GeM takes a number of initiatives for procurement of goods and services by Government departments in the fight against Pandemic COVID-19 Government e-Marketplace (GeM), a Special Purpose Vehicle under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, has taken a number of initiatives in the fight against Pandemic COVID-19. GeM, which operates a dynamic, self-sustaining and user-friendly portal for procurement of goods and services by Government offices, has taken steps to enable quick, efficient, transparent and cost-effective purchases in this hour of need. Procurement on GeM has been authorized by General Financial Rules by making necessary changes in government rules.
- Petroleum & Explosives Safety Organization takes various measures to address the problems faced by Petroleum, Explosives, Oxygen and Industrial Gas Industries- Petroleum & Explosives Safety Organization (PESO), under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, has taken various measures to ensure uninterrupted supply of Oxygen to hospitals and other health care facilities and also to address the problems faced by Petroleum, Explosives, Fireworks, and Industrial Gas Industries due to nationwide lockdown for containment of COVID-19 pandemic. These include instructions issued by PESO Hq to all its offices to ensure grant of licences for storage and transport of medical oxygen urgently, extension of Validity of licenses for transportation of oxygen and other gases which will expire on 31/03/2020 till 30/06/2020, among others.



## 7. Pandemic COVID-19: Trade and Trade-related measures

The pandemic COVID-19 represents an unprecedented disruption to the global economy and world trade, as production and consumption are scaled back across the globe. More than 200 countries including China, USA, Italy, Spain, UK, France, Germany, among others have been severely impacted. The whole mankind in the world is in huge problem and uncertainty is prevailing about the severity and spread of pandemic Covid-19. In India, there is complete lockdown in the country to address the pandemic COVID-19 scenario.

The table provides information (not exhaustive) with respect to trade and trade-related measures taken by various economies in the context of the pandemic COVID-19 crisis.

Pandemic COVID-19 Trade and trade-related measures

Member	Measure	Source/ Date	Status
/ Observer			
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
Argentin a	Certain products eliminated from the list requiring non-automatic import licensing requirements (in Chapters NCM 02; 04; 08; 09; 16; 17; 18; 19; 21; 21; 22; 23; 27; 28; 29; 32; 33; 34; 38; 39; 40; 44; 48; 49; 56; 57; 58; 59; 61; 62; 63; 65; 69; 70; 72; 73; 74; 76; 79; 82; 83; 84; 85; 87; 90; 92; 94; 95; 96), due to the Covid-19 pandemic	Disposición No. 5/2020 Subsecretaría de Política y Gestión Comercial - Ministerio de Desarrollo Productivo (18 March 2020)	Effective 18 March 2020
Argentin a	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
Argentin a	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)	Resolución No. 114/2020 Ministerio de Desarrollo Productivo (20 March 2020)	
Argentin a	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	Resolución No. 118/2020 Ministerio de Desarrollo	



	initiated on 29 June 2018 and definitive	Productivo (23 March	
Argentin a	duty imposed on 2 December 2019)  Temporary elimination of import tariffs on certain products (in Chapters NCM 22; 29; 38; 39; 40; 63; 65; 84; 90; 94), due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Imports also exempted from the statistical fee (tasa de estadística)	2020)  Decreto Nº 333/2020  Derechos de Importación  Extrazona (1 April 2020)	Effective 3 April 2020
Australia	Temporary export ban on certain personal protective equipment (e.g. face masks, disposable gloves, hand sanitizers, goggles, eye visors and alcohol wipes), due to the Covid-19 pandemic	Australian Government, Department of Home Affairs. Viewed at: https://covid19.hom eaffair s.gov.au/imports- andexports	
Brazil	Temporary elimination of import tariffs on certain personal protective equipment (NCM in Chapters 22; 25; 28; 29; 30; 38; 39; 40; 48; 56; 61; 62; 63; 65; 73; 84; 90), due to the Covid-19 pandemic	Resoluçao Ministério da Economia/Secretaria Executiva da Câmara de Comércio Exterior Nos. 17/2020 (17 March 2020) and 22/2020 (25 March 2020)	Effective 18 March 2020 to 30 Septemb er 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	Subsecreataria 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)	Resoluçao No. 23/2020, Ministério da Economia/Secretaria Executiva da Câmara	Effective 25 March 2020 to 30



	imported from China, Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States, due to the Covid-19 pandemic	de Comércio Exterior (25 March 2020)	Septemb er 2020
Brazil	Temporary implementation of previous authorization for the export of chloroquine, hydroxychloroquine, and azithromycin and its salts (NCM 2941; 3003; 3004; 3005; 3006), due to the Coid-19 pandemic	WTO document G/TBT/N/BRA/994, 30 March 2020	Effective 20 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://lawslois.justic e.gc.ca/PDF/SOR -98- 58.pdf	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 (30 March 2020) and Canada Border Service Agency, Customs Notice 20-11 (27 March 2020). Viewed at: https://www.cbsaasf c.gc.ca/publications/ cnad/cn20-11- eng.html	
China	Amendment introduced to the list of imported products from the United States exempted temporarily from the additional 10% ad valorem 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	Effective 28 February 2020 to 27 February 2021



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China	Temporary decrease of import tariffs on certain products, e.g. medical supplies, raw materials, agricultural products, meat	m (21 February 2020) The General Office of the Ministry of Commerce issued the Circular on actively expanding imports to combat against novel coronavirus epidemic (6 February 2020)	
Colombi a	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
Costa Rica	Temporary export ban on certain personal protective equipment (e.g. face masks, disinfectant) and medical equipment, 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
El Salvador	Temporary elimination of the Central American Common tariff on imports of certain food products, pharmaceutical products and personal protective equipment (in Chapters HS 04; 07; 10; 11; 20; 21; 28; 30; 34; 38; 40; 96), due to the Covid-19 Pandemic	Decreto Nº 604 (20 March 2020). Viewed at: https://www.diariooficial.g ob.sv/diarios/do-2020/03-marzo/20-03-2020.pdf	Effective 20 March 2020
Europea n 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
Europea n Union	Implementation of the Green Lanes under the Guidelines for border management	European Commission Notice	



	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	2020/C 96 I/01 (24 March 2020)	
Europea n Union	Guidance from the EU Commission on using the public procurement framework in the emergency situation related to the Covid-19 crisis. In extreme urgency cases, complying with general deadlines is impossible, due to the immediate needs of hospitals and health institutions. If extreme emergency is invoked, the procurement must be satisfied without delay. For fulfilment of immediate needs of hospitals and health institutions within a very short timeframe, the casual link with the Covid.19 pandemic cannot reasonably be doubted	European Commission Communication 2020/C 108 I/01 (1 April 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	Ministry of Commerce and Industry - Department of Commerce, Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Notification Nos. 47/2015- 2020 (8	Effective February 2020



	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	February 2020) and 48/2015-2020 (25 February 2020)	
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; 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	Foreign Trade (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	Effective 25 March 2020



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		Commerce,	
		Directorate General	
		of Foreign Trade (25	
		March 2020)	
India	Amendments introduced to the import	Notification No.	Effective
	policy of iron and steel and incorporation	58/2015- 2020,	31 March
	of policy condition in Chapters HS 72; 73;	Ministry of	2020
	86, Schedule-I (import policy), resulting in	Commerce and	
	an extension of validity to 135 days to	Industry -	
	automatic registration number generated	Department of	
	under the Steel Import Monitoring System	Commerce,	
	"SIMS" until 31 March 2020, due to the	Directorate General	
	Covid-19 pandemic	of Foreign Trade (31	
	·	March 2020)	
India	Imports of certain medical and surgical	Ministry of Finance -	Effective
	instruments and apparatus (HS 9018; 9019;	Department of	1 April
	9020; 9021; 9022) exempted from the	Revenue -	2020
	"health cess"	Notification No.	
		8/2020- Customs (2	
		February 2020)	
India	Decrease of import tariffs (from 10% to 5%)	Finance Bill, 2020 (Bill	Effective
maia	on medical or surgical instruments and	No. 26 of 2020) (1	1 April
	apparatus (HS 9018; 9019; 9020; 9021;	February 2020).	2020
	9022)	Viewed at:	2020
	3022)	https://www.indiabu	
		dget.g	
		ov.in/doc/Finance_Bi	
		II.pdf	
Indonesi	Temporary elimination of import	Permanent	Effective
	certification requirements on imports of		18 March
а	onions and garlic (HS 0703), due to the	Delegation of Indonesia to the WTO	2020 to
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	Covid-19 pandemic	(1 April 2020) and	31 May
		Ministry of Trade	2020
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Indonesi	Temporary export ban on antiseptic, raw	Permanent	Effective
a	materials to fabricate masks, personal	Delegation of	18 March
	protective equipment (PPE), ethyl alcohol	Indonesia to the WTO	2020 to
	and masks (in Chapters HS 22; 30; 38; 56;	(1 April 2020) and	30 June
	62; 63), due to the Covid-19 pandemic	Ministry of Trade	2020
		Regulation Nos. 23	
Indones:	Townseas, olimination of import	and 31	Cff octive
Indonesi	Temporary elimination of import	Permanent	Effective
а	certification requirements on imports of on	Delegation of	23 March
	certain products, e.g. mask and personal	Indonesia to the WTO	2020 to
	protective equipment, due to the Covid-19	(1 April 2020) and	30 June
	pandemic		2020



		Ministry of Trade Regulation No. 28	
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
Kyrgyz Republic	Temporary export ban on certain food products (e.g. wheat and meslin, wheat flour, cooking oil, rice, pasta production, chicken eggs, sugar, iodized table salt, feed (hay, straw, mixed feed, bran and grain feed)), due to 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
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/Document s/P.U %20%28A%29%2092 %20 - %20Perintah%20Kast am %20%28Larangan%2 OMe ngenai%20Eksport%2 9%2 O%28Pindaan%29%2 0%2 8No.%202%29%20-%202020.pdf	Effective 20 March 2020
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	Effective 3 March 2020



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		Indirects, Circulaire 6021/311 (3 March 2020)	
North Macedo nia	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
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)	
Pakistan	Temporary export ban on certain personal protective equipment (e.g. face masks, gloves, sanitizers, goggles, "tyvek suits"), due to the Covid-19 pandemi	Ministry of Commerce - Order SRO 239(I)/2020 (24 March 2020). Viewed at: http://www.commer ce.gov .pk/wpcontent/uploa ds/2020/03/ S.R.O- 239I2020.pdf	Effective 24 March 2020
SACU - Southern African Customs Union	Temporary export ban 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	Department of Trade and Industry, Notice No. R.424 - Government Gazette No. 43177 (27 March 2020)	Effective 27 March 2020
Switzerla nd	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.newsd. admin .ch/newsd/message/ attach ments/60760.pdf	Effective 26 March 2020
Thailand	Temporary export ban on surgical mask; facemask for protection against dust, smoke or toxic substance used for safety apparatus and others (HS 6307.90.40; 6307.90.90), due to the Covid19 pandemic	WTO document G/MA/QR/N/THA/2/ Add.2, 30 March 2020	Effective 5 February 2020, for 1 year
Thailand	Temporary export ban on bird Eggs of fowls of the species Gallus Domesticus (HS 0407.21.00; 0407.29.90)	WTO document G/MA/QR/N/THA/2/ Add.2, 30 March 2020	Effective 26 March 2020



Ukraine	Temporary export restriction on insulated waterproof laboratory suits; disposable (single use) medical insulative overall; gloves of other polymer material; nitrile medical gloves nonsterile non-starch; nitrile non-powdered gloves; medical and surgical face mask; safety glasses; full face visor; 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; 6307.90.98; 9004.90.10; 9004.90.90; 9020.00.00; 2207), due to the Covid-19 pandemic	WTO document G/MA/QR/N/UKR/4/ Add.2, 31 March 2020	Effective 14 March 2020 to 1 June 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. 47 FR No. 13970 (10 March 2020)	Effective 1 Septemb er 2019 to 1 Septemb er 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 Septemb er 2019 to 1 Septemb er 2020



Uruguay	Temporary elimination of import tariffs on	Ministerio de	Effective
	certain personal protective equipment and	Economía y Finanzas -	23 March
	pharmaceutical products, due to the Covid-	Comun	2020
	19 pandemic (in NCM Chapters 28; 30; 34;		
	38; 39; 40; 56; 62; 63; 65; 90; 94)		

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• Impact Assessments	States' Economic     Developments	<ul> <li>Global Economic</li> <li>Monitor (GEM)</li> </ul>	Consultancy: Innovative and
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	Foreign     exchange market		
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