

Customs administration – Brazil

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Actions to prevent the Coronavirus outbreak - BRAZIL coana.df@rfb.gov.br

1. Information

Website dedicated to Covid-19 information, related to customs and internal revenue.
<https://receita.economia.gov.br/covid-19/covid-19/>

2. Health and Prevention

- Guidance for the Federal Administration on preventive measures, e.g. travel restrictions; risk areas, digital documents instead of paper; Home office.
- Government statement on community transmission stage (20/03/20).

3. Management

Government statement of National Importance Emergency on Public Health, due to the 2019-nCoV outbreak (COVID-19)

- Implementation of a National Emergency Operational Center on Public Health (COE-nCOV) with competencies to plan, organize, coordinate and control the measures to be taken.
- Congress approval of a law ruling the measures to tackle the emergency on Public Health due to COVID-19.
- Implementation of a Crisis Committee to supervise and monitor the impacts of COVID-19 (Presidential Level).
- Interruption of in-person classes to online classes
- Implementation of a Congressional Commission to monitor the fiscal situation of the measures related to tackle the virus outbreak
- Change on procurement procedures to facilitate and speedup the processes
- Decree establishing the public services considered essential to tackle the outbreak.

4. Customs

- Regulation prescribing anticipated release of goods prior the inspection and clearance, according to HS Classification Reference from the WCO.
- Implementation of a Special License for the exports of goods to tackle the virus outbreak
- Implementation of previous authorization for the exports of chloroquine and Hydroxychloroquine as raw materials, semi-finished or finished products.
- Prioritizing the destination of goods seized, according to the HS Classification Reference from the WCO

- Daily monitoring of the clearance of goods to tackle the virus outbreak, according to the HS Classification Reference from the WCO
- Redistribution of workload on postal and express consignments, due to the reduction of in and out bound parcels
- Production of online courses on customs matters, due to the leave of customs officers
- Reduction of duties and taxes for the imports of goods to tackle the virus outbreak, according to the HS Classification Reference from WCO
- Orientation for all Customs Officers on the need to wear the necessary IPE (individual Protective Equipment): Gloves, glasses, masks...
- Implementation of a Customs Operational Center for Crisis Management, competent to supervise, monitor and guide the customs processes.

5. Economics

- Additional Credit for the ministries of Education and Defense
- Additional Credit for states and municipalities
- Facilitation of credit for bank institutions
- Reduction of duties and taxes
- Delay of up to 12 months for the reimbursement of airway tickets