

Directorate General of Customs and Indirect Taxes – Congo
23 April 2020

With a view to preventing and/or combating the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Republic of Congo’s Directorate General of Customs and Indirect Taxes (DGDDI) has implemented the following measures:

- I. In order to satisfy the social-distancing criterion in view of the requirements to maintain economic activity and ensure supply chain continuity during the COVID-19 pandemic, the following Customs facilitation measures have been introduced:
 1. Acceptance for clearance purposes of documentation received electronically, in place of the original documents, subject to the submission of DPIVs (validated advance import declarations) and BESCAs (electronic cargo tracking notes).
 2. Optional production of the certificate of origin in the absence of a tariff preference or tariff restriction.
 3. Removal of ETBs to facilitate the advance declaration of goods upon electronic registration of the manifest.
 4. Facility for submitting online applications for authorizations to Congolese Customs at: douanes.dgddicg@gmail.com.
 5. For assistance, users are advised to ring 06 529 66 67.
- II. As regards the upstream hydrocarbons sector, the deadline for forwarding the lists of goods eligible for Customs privileges for approval by the Directorate General of Customs and Indirect Taxes, which was scheduled previously for 31 March 2020 by Memorandum No. 032 MFB/DGDDI-DRC of 6 March 2020, has been deferred until lockdown measures are lifted.
- III. Emergency or humanitarian consignments are benefiting from the direct collection procedure facilitated by the issuing of exceptional authorizations to collect goods (AETEX).

To this end, the ministerial departments responsible for health, solidarity and scientific research, as well as the United Nations specialized agencies and the public interest non-governmental organizations (such as the Red Cross and the Congo Assistance Foundation), are authorized to promote this procedure within the departmental directorates or Customs offices.

- IV. Against the background of the COVID-19 pandemic, imports carried out by the local pharmaceutical industry are benefiting from the direct collection procedure facilitated by the issuing of exceptional authorizations to collect goods (AETEX).

To this end, the economic operators or companies operating in that business sector are authorized to promote this procedure within the departmental directorates or Customs offices.

X X

X