

**Directorate General of Customs and Excise (DGDA) – Democratic Republic of the
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Measures adopted in respect of the COVID-19 pandemic

1. Measures to facilitate the cross-border movement of relief consignments and essential supplies

- 1.1. Emergency collection of in-bond pharmaceutical inputs and products.
- 1.2. Limitation of Customs controls to what is strictly necessary.
- 1.3. Authorization to make incomplete and provisional declarations.
- 1.4. Exemption from duties and taxes on pharmaceutical supplies and equipment and essential supplies, in accordance with government instructions.

2. Measures to support the economy and ensure supply chain continuity

- 2.1. Access to goods removal credit.
- 2.2. Adoption of measures allowing payment by instalments of Customs duties and taxes and of penalties.
- 2.3. Suspension of checks at outposts.
- 2.4. Action to facilitate compliance with the formalities for Customs clearance of goods.
- 2.5. Measures adopted in accordance with government guidelines, in particular as regards exemption from duties and taxes on pharmaceutical inputs and medical equipment and the suspension of Value-Added Tax (VAT) on imports of basic necessities.

3. Measures to ensure protection for Customs Administration personnel

- 3.1. Briefings for personnel; in particular, by official communique and posters about individual and collective protection measures against COVID-19.
- 3.2. Implementation of the protective measures ordered by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Ministry of Health in relation to COVID-19.
- 3.3. Purchase of protective equipment and supplies for those in contact with foreigners, for the DRC-Zambia border posts.
- 3.4. Establishment of a shift system to ensure a basic service is provided.

4. Measures to ensure protection for the public

- 4.1. Standard Customs inspections are carried out without delay in the event of fraud or smuggling.
- 4.2. Full verification of goods on entry.
- 4.3. Requirement to produce original documents when importing goods.

5. Other measures

- 5.1. Raising of awareness among managers and officials of the mode of transmission and the hygiene rules to be complied with in order to avoid falling victim to or becoming a carrier of the disease.