

Thai Customs

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1. Measures aiming to Facilitate the Cross-border Movement of Relief and Essential Supplies

- Facilitation of Air Cargo Shipment for the importation of medical equipment with a purpose for public donation.
- Expediting and prioritizing shipment of medical supplies and materials related to COVID-19 pandemic and launching of a guideline on Customs procedures for shipment donated to public hospitals/organizations.
- Fast-track of ad-hoc applications for imported permission of surgical and dust masks at the ports of entry; for personal utilisation. Thai FDA temporarily allows an importation as personal belongings of 180 pieces/person within six-month period.
- Ad-hoc special “Green lanes” for importation of medical supplies and materials related to COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Measures aiming at Supporting the Economy and Sustaining Supply Chain Continuity

- Import duty exemption for surgical masks, dusk masks and the raw materials used in the production of mask.
- Extension of the time-limit for Customs procedures; (1) Re-export of temporarily imported items and (2) Extension of storage period in Bonded Warehouses, Free Zones and Free Trade Zones.

3. Measures aiming at Protecting Customs administrations' Staff

- Work-From-Home policy
- Collaboration with other public health agencies for cleaning working premises and Customs houses.
- Distribution of protective masks and sanitizing materials to all Customs personnel.

4. Measures aiming at Protecting Society

- Temporary export ban on surgical and dust masks. Exemption only given for passengers' belongings (30 pieces/pax/flight without medical description, 50 pieces/pax/flight with medical prescription).
- Temporary export ban on bird eggs of fowls of the species Gallus Domesticus (HS 0407.21.00; 0407.29.90)
- Intensified Customs control of masks and Protective Personal Equipment,

especially to fight against counterfeit and unauthorized medical supplies and materials related to COVID-19

5. Other Measures.

Exemption of VAT in case of importation of medical supplies and materials related to COVID-19, given to public hospitals/organizations.