

State Revenue Committee of the Republic of Kazakhstan
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**Measures adopted by the Republic of Kazakhstan to mitigate the effects of
«COVID-19» pandemic**

Category	I. Protecting Society
Imposition of the State of Emergency:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ By Presidential Decree No. 285 dated from 15 March 2020, the State of Emergency was imposed for the period from 16 March 2020 until April 30, 2020. The State of Emergency was extended until 11 May 2020.
Measures adopted by the Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ From the Government's Reserve, 39.1 billion KZT was allocated for the fight against coronavirus infection and the purchase of socially essential products.
Measures adopted within the framework of the EAEU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Decision No.41 of the EEC Board dated 24 March 2020 introduced a ban on the export of personal protective equipment, disinfectants, medical products from the EAEU countries (<i>comes into force after 30 calendar days</i>); ▪ Decision No.42 of the EEC Board of 31 March 2020 «On amendments to the list of goods that are essential for internal market of the Eurasian Economic Union and for which temporary bans or quantitative restrictions on exports may be imposed in exceptional cases»; ▪ Decision No. 43 of the EEC Board of 31 March 2020 «On amendments to the Decision of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission of 21 April 2015 No.30 «On non-tariff regulation measures». <p><i>These decisions establish a temporary ban on the export of certain types of food products from the countries of the Eurasian Economic Union. Among them are onions, garlic, turnips, rye, rice, buckwheat, millet, cereals, coarse flour and granules from cereals, collapsed buckwheat, ready-made food products from buckwheat, crushed and uncrushed soybeans, sunflower seeds.</i></p>
Category	II. Supporting the Economy and Sustaining Supply Chain Continuity
Measures adopted by the Government	<p>Decree No. 287 of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 16 March 2020 instructed to grant the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan with the following rights:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) to set limitations on tariffs and prices for food and other goods necessary for uninterrupted life support of the population and economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan; 2) to determine the regulatory rules of import and export of goods necessary for uninterrupted life support of the population and economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In implementation of Presidential Decree, the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan adopted Resolution No.126 of 20 March 2020, according to which the Ministry of national economy was instructed to ensure the inclusion of “cattle” and “breeding chickens” to the list of imported goods for which value-added tax can be paid by the offset method. ▪ By resolution No.141 of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 27 March 2020, the taxpayers classified as micro, small or medium-sized enterprises were granted a deferred payment

	<p>period for all taxes and other mandatory payments to the budget as well as for social payments until 1 June 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ By order No.111 of the Minister of Agriculture of Kazakhstan dated 2 April 2020, a ban on export from the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan for certain products (<i>buckwheat, buckwheat groats, sugar, potatoes, sunflower seeds, sunflower oil</i>) was introduced. ▪ By order No.111 of the Minister of Agriculture of Kazakhstan dated 2 April 2020, quantitative restrictions (quotas) were introduced in relation to export of certain goods from the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan (<i>wheat flour or wheat-rye flour; soft wheat and meslin; seed potatoes; raw sunflower oil, unrefined in primary packages with a net volume of 10 liters or less; raw sunflower oil, unrefined in primary packages with a net volume of more than 10 liters</i>).
Measures adopted in the sphere of State Revenue Committee of Kazakhstan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of application of «red and yellow channels» at the border has been reduced; ▪ On-site Customs inspections scheduled but not started as of 16 March 2020 have been canceled; ▪ Property tax rate "0" for legal entities and individual entrepreneurs at large retail facilities, shopping centers, cinemas, theaters, exhibitions and sports facilities for tourism, catering and hotel services, airports; ▪ Land tax rate "0" for agricultural land of agricultural producers; ▪ Individual income tax (IIT) rate "0" for individual entrepreneurs working in the General regime; ▪ Export customs duty (ECD) rate "0" until the end of this year for exported light oil products; ▪ Reception of reports from foreign trade participants to territorial divisions of state revenue authorities in relation to certain customs procedures established by the orders of the Ministry of Finance №№367, 247, 360, 173 has been suspended until 1 July 2020.
Category	III. Facilitating the Cross-border Movement of Relief and Essential Supplies
Measures adopted by the Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ By decree No. 141 of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 27 March 2020, VAT rates of 8% are established for imports of goods included in the list of socially essential food products (a total list of goods under 34 HS codes).
Measures adopted in the sphere of State Revenue Committee of Kazakhstan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The impact of red channel on the list of food products (<i>sugar, meat, onions, milk, cabbage, carrots, flour, etc.</i>) with a total of 19 items has been reduced; ▪ The main importers of socially essential goods are exempt from applying the forms of customs control during their clearance (<i>customs physical examination, customs expertise and control of the customs value of goods</i>); ▪ Number of application of «red and yellow channels» at the border has been reduced; ▪ On-site Customs (post-clearance) inspections scheduled but not started as of 16 March 2020 have been canceled; ▪ Reducing the VAT rate from 12% to 8% for the sale and import of socially essential food products until 1 October this year (19 items of goods for 9 billion KZT); ▪ In connection with the introduction of a ban on the export of certain products (<i>buckwheat, buckwheat groats, sugar, potatoes, sunflower seeds, sunflower oil</i>), their export is blocked in Customs IT system «Astana-1»;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reception of reports from foreign trade participants to territorial divisions of state revenue authorities in relation to certain customs procedures established by the orders of the Ministry of Finance №№367, 247, 360, 173 has been suspended until 1 July 2020; ▪ Certain risk profiles that affect the time of customs clearance for life-support goods have been suspended.
<p>Measures adopted within the framework of the EAEU</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Decision No.21 of the EEC Council of 16 March 2020 "On amendments to certain decisions of the Customs Union Commission and on approval of the list of goods imported into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union in order to implement measures by the Member States of the Eurasian Economic Union aimed at preventing the spread of coronavirus infection 2019-nCoV». <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>This decision provides for exemption from import customs duties of goods, which applies primarily to personal protective equipment, disinfectants, diagnostic reagents, certain types of medical equipment and materials.</i> <i>The import with exemption from payment of import duty is done based on the confirmation of their purpose by the Ministry of health protection of the Republic of Kazakhstan (MHP RK). Confirmation of the intended purpose for goods used for the production of medicines and medical devices will be issued by the Committee for quality control and safety of goods and services of the MHP RK. Confirmation of purpose for antiviral disinfection products will be issued by the territorial departments of the Committee for quality control and safety of goods and services of the MHP RK.</i> <i>The decision applies to medical products imported into the Union from 16 March 2020 and will be valid until 30 September 2020.</i> ▪ Decision No. 33 of the EEC Council dated 3 April 2020 "On amendments to certain decisions of the Customs Union Commission and on approval of the list of critical import goods". ▪ Decision No. 34 of the EEC Council of 3 April 2020 "On amendments to the list of goods imported into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union in order to implement measures by the Member States of the Eurasian Economic Union aimed at preventing the spread of coronavirus infection 2019-nCoV". <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>These decisions provide the participants in foreign economic activity with exemptions for payment of import customs duties when importing medical devices and socially essential goods (a total of 155 HS codes).</i> ▪ Decision No. 36 of the EEC Council of 3 April 2020 "On amending the Rules for determining the origin of goods from developing and least developed countries and on the specifics of submitting a certificate of origin under conditions of the spread of coronavirus infection 2019-nCoV". <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The Council of the EEC approved the list of critical import goods for which a tariff exemption is granted in the form of exemption from import customs duties when imported to the Member States of the Eurasian Economic Union for the period from 1 April to 30 June 2020 inclusive. The list of these products includes certain agricultural and food products (potatoes, onions, garlic, cabbage, carrots, peppers, rye, long-grain rice, buckwheat, juices and ready-made products for baby food), as well as certain ready-made medicines and medical products (endoscopes, contactless thermometers, disposable pipettes, mobile disinfection units).</i>

	<p><i>In addition, the list of goods used for the production of pharmaceuticals and medical goods (bags, foils for sealing the vials, medical freezers), imported during the period from 16 March to 30 September 2020 is free of duty, subject to the confirmation of their purpose for such goods to the MHP RK.</i></p> <p><i>The current procedure for submission of Certificates of origin of Form "A" issued by developing and least developed countries has also been simplified on a temporary basis. This Decision will allow to use a paper or electronic copy of certificates for 6 months and not to submit their originals during customs clearance. These changes will take effect from 18 April 2020 and will be effective until 30 September 2020.</i></p>
Category	IV. Protecting Staff
Measures adopted in the sphere of State Revenue Committee of Kazakhstan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mandatory remote thermometry of all drivers and passengers is carried out; ▪ Sanitary and Quarantine Points (SQP) have been strengthened by employees of the Sanitary and epidemiological services; ▪ Training exercises and classes were held for SQP employees to take measures in case of detection of a suspected infectious disease; ▪ Isolation rooms at automobile check-points have been checked and brought into line.

Abbreviations:

EAEU – Eurasian Economic Union

EEC – Eurasian Economic Commission

SRC MF RK – State Revenue Committee of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Kazakhstan

SQP – Sanitary and Quarantine Points

MHP RK – Ministry of Health Protection of the Republic of Kazakhstan

RK – Republic of Kazakhstan