

## **Thai Customs**

**15 April 2020 (point 6 added on 22 April 2021)**

### **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.

**6. Measure in response to COVID-19 regarding Rules of Origin.**

During this exceptional circumstance, Thai Customs has put in place a measure to help facilitate the goods that are eligible for preferential tariff treatment under our Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) that require the importer to submit the original Certificate of Origin.

The Customs Notification has been issued regarding the circumstance where the original Certificate of Origin has been issued by the issuing authority but unable to be sent to Thailand. The importer is allowed to present the scanned copy of the Certificate of Origin to make a claim for preferential tariff treatment under the condition that the Original Certificate of Origin must be presented to the Customs Officer no later than 30 days after the clearance of the goods. Nevertheless, the extension period of 30 days may be granted upon request on a case by case basis. This special measure will remain in effect until 30 September 2021. Enclosed herewith is the list of 13 FTAs eligible for the above Notification.

**The list of 13 Free Trade Agreements eligible for the Customs Notification No. 50/2564**

1. Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Co-operation between the Association of South-East Asian Nations and the People's Republic of China (ASEAN-CHINA)
2. Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Government of the People's Republic of China on Accelerated Tariff Elimination under the Early Harvest Programme of the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between ASEAN and China (THAI-CHINA)
3. Protocol on the Accession of the Government of the Republic of Singapore to the Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Government of the People's Republic of China on Accelerated Tariff Elimination under the Early Harvest Programme of the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between ASEAN and China (THAI-SINGAPORE)
4. ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA)
5. Agreement on Trade in Goods under the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation among the Governments of the Member Countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Republic of Korea (ASEAN-KOREA)
6. Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Partnership among Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and Japan (AJCEP)
7. Agreement between the Kingdom of Thailand and Japan for an Economic Partnership (JTEPA)
8. Agreement on Trade in Goods under the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Republic of India (ASEAN-INDIA)
9. Framework Agreement for Establishing Free Trade Area between the Kingdom of Thailand and the Republic of India (THAI-INDIA)
10. Agreement Establishing the ASEAN - Australia - New Zealand Free Trade Area (AANZFTA)

11. ASEAN - Hong Kong, China Free Trade Agreement (ASEAN-HONG KONG)
12. Free Trade Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Government of the Republic of Chile (THAI-CHILE)
13. Protocol between the Kingdom of Thailand and the Republic of Peru to Accelerate the Liberalization of Trade in Goods and Trade Facilitation (THAI-PERU)