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Relief from Customs duties

Article 105 of the “Resolution on Application of Certain Articles of Customs Law Number 4458” attached to Council of Ministers Resolution number 2009/15481 set conditions regarding relief from customs duties for goods sent to the people harmed in times of crisis.

According to the Article, goods imported by public institutions and organizations, associations working for the public interest and foundations granted tax exemption by the Council of Ministers are exempted from customs duties; if they are aimed to be distributed free of charge to people who are harmed in crisis situations or to be offered for free to those who suffer from crisis situations provided that they remain as the property of these institutions. Additionally, goods imported by charities to meet their needs during the crisis are also exempted in the scope of this article.

Customs procedures of the goods mentioned above are carried out according to the article 35-37 of the Customs Exemptions Communiqué No:2.

Regarding implementation of this legislation, upon an official notification detailing the import by the importing institution to General Directorate of Customs of the Ministry of Trade, the related customs office is informed immediately about the transaction and customs procedures are conducted in a preferential way in order not to cause any delay.