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BRAZIL REDUCES TO ZERO THE IMPORT TARIFF APPLIED ON CERTAIN PRODUCTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

On March 26, 2020, the Brazilian Chamber of Foreign Trade (*Câmara de Comércio Exterior – CAMEX*) published Resolution nº 22/2020, temporarily reducing to zero the import tariff applied on certain products in order to facilitate the fight against COVID-19.

The products listed on CAMEX Resolution nº 22/2020 complement the list of products of CAMEX Resolution nº 17/2020, published on March 18, 2020, which equally reduced the import tariff for itens used in the fight against the virus. These reductions will remain in force until September 30, 2020.

All MERCOSUR countries follow the Common External Tariff (*Tarifa Externa Comum – TEC*), which defines the import tariffs applied on all Members of the Bloc. Considering the current situation of the pandemics, Brazil decided to reduce the import tariff for several products, based on Article 50, letter "d", of Decree nº 66/1981, which incorporated the Montevideo Treaty in Brazil, in the face of the need to protect people's health and life.

Among the products benefited by Resolution nº 22/2020, there are alcohol solutions, salts, hydrogen, chemical compounds, gloves, paper tissues, needles, artificial respiratory devices and thermometers. Click here to access CAMEX Resolution nº 22/2020 and confer the complete list of products involved and their corresponding codes of Mercosur Common Nomenclature (*Nomenclatura Comum do Mercosul – NCM*).

The import procedures of all these products, including licensing, controlling and/or inspection, shall also be prioritized by the customs authorities, as determined by CAMEX Resolution nº 17/2020.

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