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

On April 3, 2020, the Brazilian Chamber of Foreign Trade (*Câmara de Comércio Exterior – CAMEX*) published Resolution nº 28/2020, temporarily reducing once again the import tariff applied on various products to zero, in order to facilitate the fight against the pandemic resulting from COVID-19.

The products listed on CAMEX Resolution nº 28/2020, as well as those listed on CAMEX Resolution nº 22/2020, published on March 26, 2020, complement the list of products of CAMEX Resolution nº 17/2020, published on March 18, 2020, which equally reduced the import tariff for items 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 pandemic, 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.

CAMEX Resolution nº 28/2020 determines that the products listed will only have import tariff reduction when applied to fighting COVID-19. Among the products benefited by CAMEX Resolution nº 28/2020 are the following ones: fabric, valves, batteries, memory cards, monitors, displays, sensors, among others. Click here to access CAMEX Resolution nº 28/2020 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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