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MORE PRODUCTS HAVE THEIR IMPORT TARIFFS REDUCED TO ZERO IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

On April 30, 2020, the Brazilian Chamber of Foreign Trade (*Câmara de Comércio Exterior - CAMEX*) published Resolution n. 33/2020, adding several products to the list of articles used in combatting COVID-19 and reducing their import tariffs to zero.

The first list of products benefited by this government measure was approved by CAMEX Resolution n. 17/2020 and published on March 18, 2020. This list has been updated by subsequent Resolutions: CAMEX Resolution n. 22/2020, published on March 26, 2020; CAMEX Resolution n. 28/2020, published on April 3, 2020; CAMEX Resolution n. 31/2020, published on April 8, 2020; CAMEX Resolution n. 32/2020, published on April 17, 2020; and CAMEX Resolutions n. 33/2020 and 34/2020, published on April 30, 2020. 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 by all Members of the bloc. Considering the current pandemic situation, Brazil decided to reduce the import tariff on various products, based on Article 50, letter "d", of Montevideo Treaty, incorporated in Brazil by means of Decree n. 66/1981, in face of the need to protect people's health and life.

Among the products benefited by CAMEX Resolution n. 33/2020 are the following: blood collection tourniquets, blankets, disposable cotton caps, sterilization equipment, stretchers, among others. CAMEX also published Resolution n. 34/2020, altering some ex-tarifários already in force under CAMEX Resolutions n. 22/2020, 31/2020 and 32/2020.

Click here to access CAMEX Resolution n. 33/2020 and here to access CAMEX Resolution n. 34/2020 to confer the complete list of products and their corresponding codes in the Mercosur Common Nomenclature (*Nomenclatura Comum do Mercosul – NCM*).

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

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