



Qatar customs measures in response to COVID-19

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization, causing a huge impact on people's lives, families, communities, businesses as well as international trade. The State of Qatar has initiated on-time preventive actions to combat the current medical situation and minimize the effects on the economy.

Following the directives of His Highness The Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, as part of the implementation of customs-related incentives, the General Authority of Customs (the GAC) has exempted food and medical commodities from customs duties for a period of six months effective from **23 March 2020**.

The GAC has initiated implementing this directive by dropping customs duties for 905 different listed items at Al Nadeeb e-customs clearance system. These included basic food items and a number of medical equipment and tools. Please click [the link](#) for exempted list of items.



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