

Customs Alert: Dubai Customs Fine Reduction Initiative

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The Dubai Customs Authority announced on 25 November 2020, through a [press release](#), that an 80% discount will be granted on penalties applicable for customs cases and violations detected or committed before 31 March 2020. This announcement is based on Customs Notice No. 07/2020.

In a step destined to reduce burdens on businesses amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the Dubai Customs Authority issued the scope of implementation of this initiative, which applies to:

- Uncollected customs fines imposed by judicial decision.
- Customs fines that have been paid in installments to Dubai Customs, where reduction will apply to the remaining installments, which will be rescheduled.
- Cases under execution at Dubai courts, which will benefit from the applicable fine reduction on the remaining payable amounts.

To benefit from the fine reductions, businesses and individuals must settle their customs cases and pay any charges due, including customs duties, before December 31, 2021.

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