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► Exports of Epidemic Prevention Materials and Sino-US Tariff Increases in May

China suspended the export of epidemic prevention materials such as masks through market procurement and trade

The Yiwu Municipal Bureau of Commerce issued the Notice on Suspending Market Purchase and Export of Specific Epidemic Prevention Materials. From zero o'clock on May 10, 2020, the market will be suspended from purchasing and exporting novel coronavirus detection reagents, medical masks, medical protective clothing, respirators, infrared thermometers and other medical materials and non-medical masks and other epidemic prevention materials (referred to as Class 5+1 epidemic prevention materials).

The General Administration of Customs has issued a list of batches of export epidemic prevention materials that are not qualified in quality and safety

On May 9, the General Administration of Customs announced the list of unqualified epidemic prevention materials it had checked:
<http://www.customs.gov.cn/customs/xwfb34/302425/304471/index.html>

Notice on organizing the work of checking and confirming the list of manufacturers of epidemic prevention materials conforming to foreign standards, certification or registration

All local commerce departments shall organize local epidemic prevention material production enterprises to voluntarily fill in relevant forms and submit relevant certification materials. After preliminary examination by the local commerce department in conjunction with the relevant member units of the local medical materials commercial export working mechanism, the summary table (including electronic version) will be submitted to the national medical materials commercial export working mechanism office in the name of the working mechanism office.

The list of non-medical mask manufacturers awarded the US EUA has been continuously adjusted

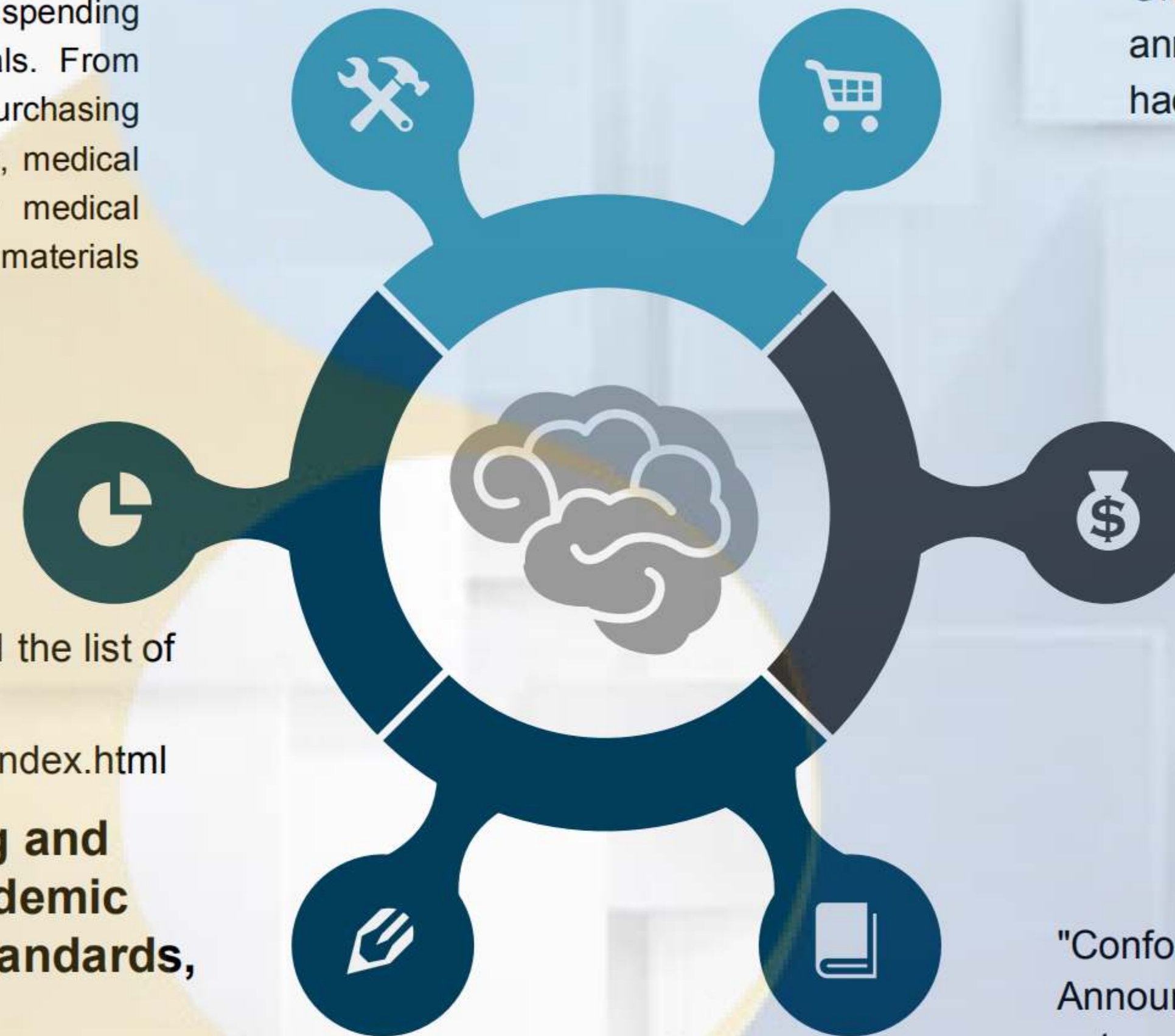
On May 8, official website, <http://www.cccmhpie.org.cn/>, announced that only eight non-medical mask manufacturers had won the US EUA.

The key points of examination for implementing anti-epidemic material inspection at customs ports

The supervision mode of "qualified guarantee+verification" shall be adopted for supervision. Focus on verifying whether the name and quantity of export epidemic prevention materials declared by the enterprise are truthfully declared, and whether there are obvious quality problems with the goods, such as pollution, mildew, rope falling off, and false medical concealment as non-medical.

Scope of Chinese quality standards

"Conforming to Chinese Quality Standards" mentioned in Announcement No.12 should include China's group standards and enterprise standards. For details, please refer to the "Regulations on the Administration of Group Standards", "Notice of Shanghai Stock Exchange Supervision Standard [2019] No.15 on Issuing the Measures for the Administration of Publicity and Supervision of Self-declaration of Enterprise Product Standards in Shanghai" and "Measures for the Administration of Publicity and Supervision of Enterprise Standard Self-declaration in Jiangsu Province".



义乌市商务局文件

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关于暂停市场采购出口特定防疫物资的通告

义乌市各对外贸易经营主体：

为进一步加强防疫物资质量监管，落实商务部 海关总署 国家市场监督管理总局三部委5号公告《关于有序开展医疗物资出口的公告》、12号公告《关于进一步加强防疫物资出口质量监管的公告》要求，规范防疫物资出口秩序。现就相关事项通告如下：

一、从2020年5月10日零时起，暂停市场采购贸易方式出口新型冠状病毒检测试剂、医用口罩、医用防护服、呼吸机、红外体温计等医用物资和非医用口罩。

二、从2020年5月1日起，对伪报、瞒报出口上述物资的，一经查获（以海关查获日期为准），从严处罚：

1.对市场采购贸易经营者，行业信用直接扣至0分，撤销市场采购贸易经营者备案登记，扣除当季度50%出口奖励

2.对市场采购贸易组货人，行业信用直接扣至0分，撤销市场采购组货人注册，禁止企业法定代表人一年内再次注册组货人。

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3.对一般贸易出口企业，行业信用直接扣至0分，2020年一般贸易出口奖励扣除50%。

此前有关管理措施与本次通告不一致的，以本通告为准。



How to understand the suspension of the export of specific epidemic prevention materials through market procurement?

- Market procurement means: refers to the trade mode in which qualified operators purchase goods in the market gathering area recognized by the national commerce department and other departments with a single shipment declaration value of less than 150,000 U.S. dollars (including 150,000 U.S. dollars) and go through customs clearance procedures for export goods at the place of purchase;
- Scope of application for market procurement: Yiwu market procurement in Zhejiang Province, Wenzhou (Lucheng) Light Industry Products Trading Center, Quanzhou Shishi Clothing City, Gao Qiao Market in Hunan Province, Asia International Furniture Material Trading Center, Zhongshan Lihe Dengbo Center, Chengdu International Trade City;
- The following export commodities are not subject to market procurement trade: (1) commodities prohibited or restricted by the state; (2) Commodities not purchased in the recognized market gathering areas; (3) commodities that have not been confirmed by the commodity identification system for market purchases; (4) commodities settled in cash; (5) commodities determined by the competent department of trade control that are not applicable to market procurement trade methods.
- The code of the customs supervision method for market procurement is "1039", and the whole (abbreviated) code is "market procurement"
- Legal basis: Announcement of the General Administration of Customs on Amending the Supervision Measures for Market Procurement Trade and Related Matters of Supervision Methods (Announcement [2019] No.221), and Announcement of the General Administration of Customs on Expanding the Pilot of Market Procurement Trade Methods (Announcement [2018] No.167)

► Trends of Sino-US Tariff Increase in May

The announcement announced the second exclusion list of the second batch of goods subject to tariffs. From May 19, 2020 to May 18, 2021 (one year), no more tariffs imposed by China for anti-US 301 measures will be imposed. For refunding the increased customs duties and taxes, the relevant import enterprise shall apply to the customs within 6 months from the date of publication of the exclusion list.

The validity period of the extended product exclusion and levy is from July 6, 2018 to December 31, 2020.

Regardless of whether the importer has submitted an application for exclusion, enterprises that meet the exclusion conditions can apply.

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China Continues to Issue Exclusion List for US

Announcement No.4 [2020] of the Tax Committee

U.S. Official Announces List of Products Excluding Extension of Validity Period of Le

https://ustr.gov/sites/default/files/enforcement/301Investigations/Notice_of_Extensions_for_Exclusions_Expiring_May_14_2020.pdf

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The fourth exclusion list of 34 billion items in the list expires on May 14, 2020. The notice decided to postpone the exclusion validity period of some commodities (see next page for details) until December 31, 2020.

Products whose validity period has not been extended will be removed from the exclusion list upon expiration, and an additional tariff of 25% will be levied.

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U.S. Official Exclusion of Validity and Effectiveness

Notice of extensions for exclusions expiring May 14, 2020

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Excluding Commodity Tax No. with Extended Validity Period (US)	Commodity Description	Excluding commodity tax No. with extended validity period (corresponding to China)
8481.10.0090	Pressure-reducing valves (except Hydraulic fluid power type and Pneumatic fluid power type)	8481100001/90 (Partial)
8483.50.9040	Grooved pulleys	84835000 (Partial)
8421.21.0000	Filtering or purifying machinery or apparatus of a kind used for waste water treatment	842121 (All)
8421.39.8015	Air purification equipment, electrically powered, weighing less than 36 kg	84213990 (Partial)
8481.90.9040	Armatures designed for use in hydraulic solenoid valves	84819010 (Partial)
8481.90.9040	C-poles, of steel, designed for use in hydraulic solenoid control valves	84819010 (Partial)
8481.90.9040	Metering spools, of aluminum, designed for use in hydraulic solenoid control valves	84819010 (Partial)
8481.90.9040	Metering spools, of steel, designed for use in hydraulic solenoid control valves	84819010 (Partial)

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Excluding Commodity Tax No. with Extended Validity Period (US)	Commodity Description	Excluding commodity tax No. with extended validity period (corresponding to China)
8481.90.9040	Poles, of steel, designed for use in hydraulic solenoid control valves	84819010 (Partial)
8481.90.9040	Push pins, of steel, designed for use in hydraulic solenoid control valves	84819010 (Partial)
8481.90.9040	Retainers, of steel, designed for use in hydraulic solenoid control valves	84819010 (Partial)
9011.10.8000	Stereoscopic microscopes, not provided with a means for photographing the image, valued not over \$500 per unit	90111000 (Partial)
9011.90.0000	Adapter rings, tubes and extension sleeves, stands and arm assemblies, stages and gliding tables, eyeguards and focusing racks, all the foregoing designed for use with compound optical microscopes	90119000

► Chinese Quality Standards, Certification and Licensing System

- The standards for product labeling shall be strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Standardization Law, and the technical requirements for export products and services shall be implemented in accordance with the provisions of the contract. In the domestic sales, should comply with the national mandatory standards.
- National Standard Search Website: <http://openstd.samr.gov.cn/>
- Enterprises may, according to their needs, formulate their own enterprise standards or jointly formulate enterprise standards with other enterprises. The technical requirements of enterprise standards shall not be lower than the relevant technical requirements of mandatory national standards.



- In accordance with the provisions of the "Regulations on Certification and Accreditation", relevant products must be certified, and shall be certified and marked with certification marks before leaving the factory, selling, importing or using in other business activities. The state shall unify the catalogue of products, the mandatory requirements, standards and conformity assessment procedures of technical specifications, the uniform marks and the uniform charging standards for products that must be certified.
- For example: 3C certification, organic product certification, food safety management system certification, etc.



- If the state implements a production license system to produce, sell or use listed products in business activities within the territory of the people's Republic of China, it shall abide by the regulations, and no enterprise may produce listed products without obtaining a production license. No unit or individual may sell or use products listed in the catalogue without obtaining a production license in business activities.
- For example: catalogue of production license for industrial products, catalogue of production license for food-related products, etc.



► Analysis of Inspection and Quarantine Policies

Category	Announcement No.	Comments
Animal and Plant Products Access	Announcement No.67 of 2020 of the General Administration of Customs	Announcement on Quarantine Requirements for Fresh Citrus Plants Imported from Chile. Chile's fresh citrus conforming to relevant requirements will be allowed to import from May 13, 2020. Specific types of products allowed to be imported into China: fresh citrus, including citrus reticulata and its hybrids, grapefruit (Citrus paradisi), orange(Citrus sinensis) and lemon (Citrus limon). Production areas allowed to export to China: Chile's third largest area (Atacama) to the sixth largest area (O'Higgins) and Metropolitan Region(MR). The import of products must meet the quarantine requirements for fresh citrus plants imported from Chile.
	Announcement No.66 of 2020 of the General Administration of Customs	Announcement on Quarantine Requirements for Imported Alfalfa Hay Blocks and Grains, Amygdalus Mandshurica Shell Grains and Ladder Hay Plants. From May 13, 2020, it is allowed to import alfalfa hay blocks and grains, almond shell grains and terraced hay that meet relevant requirements. The main use of the product is feed. U.S. quarantine certificate is required for import. Products come from registered enterprises. Importers have already applied for quarantine license. Types of products allowed to be transported to China: 1) Medicago sativa hay pieces or granules (scientific name Medicago sativa L.) transported to China refer to alfalfa hay pieces or granules treated with high temperature and high pressure. 2) Prunus dulcis, other name: Amygdalus communis shell particles transported to China refer to the blocks and particles made by grinding or (and) compressing the pod and shell separated from almond and drying under high temperature and high pressure. (3) Phleum pratense L. transported to China refers to the bundle of ladder hay produced by secondary compression.

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Animal and Plant Products Access	Announcement No.65 of 2020 of the General Administration of Customs	Announcement on Quarantine Requirements for Imported American Barley Plants. U.S. Barley (<i>Hordeum Vulgare L.</i> , English name Barley) that meets relevant requirements will be allowed to import from May 13, 2020. It is important to note that barley imported into China is barley seeds produced in the United States and exported to China only for processing and not for planting purposes.
	Announcement No.64 of 2020 of the General Administration of Customs	Announcement on quarantine requirements for imported fresh blueberry plants from the United States. U.S. Fresh blueberry (scientific name <i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i> , <i>V. virgatum</i> and their hybrids, English name fresh blueberry) meeting relevant requirements are allowed to be imported from May 13, 2020. It should be noted that blueberries produced throughout the United States cannot be imported. Currently, the permitted U.S. regions include California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oregon, Washington and other blueberry producing regions.
	Announcement No.62 of 2020 of the General Administration of Customs	Announcement on Inspection and Quarantine Requirements for Chinese Duck Meat Exported to Kazakhstan. From May 3, 2020, frozen duck carcasses, cut meat and edible viscera made in China will be allowed to be exported to Kazakhstan. Export production enterprises must apply to the customs of the people's Republic of China for registration and be approved by the competent department of the government of Kazakhstan.
	Announcement No.61 of 2020 of the General Administration of Customs and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Areas	Announcement on Preventing Newcastle Disease in Northern Macedonia from Entering China. From April 27, 2020, direct or indirect import of poultry and related products from Skopje region of northern Macedonia will be prohibited. Once discovered, they will be returned or destroyed.

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Animal and Plant Products Access	Announcement No.60 of 2020 of the General Administration of Customs	Announcement on Quarantine Requirements for Fresh Edible Avocado Plants Imported from the United States. Starting from April 26, 2020, fresh-eating Hass Avocado produced in California of the United States is allowed to export to China under the scientific name <i>Persea americana</i> Mills and the English name Hass avocado. Note that this time not all parts of the United States are allowed, but only California. Avocados produced in other parts of the United States are still prohibited from import. Avocado orchards and packaging plants must be registered with the United States Department of Agriculture and approved by the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China before exporting to China. Imported products must conform to the relevant provisions of the quarantine requirements for fresh avocado plants imported from the United States.
	Announcement No.59 of 2020 of the General Administration of Customs	Announcement on Quarantine Requirements for Chinese Fresh Citrus Exported to the United States. Since April 23, 2020, China's fresh oranges 【including <i>Citrus grandis</i> (pummelo/pomelo)、 <i>Citrus kinokuni</i> (Nanfeng honey mandarin)、 <i>Citrus poonensis</i> (ponkan)、 <i>Citrus sinensis</i> (sweet orange)、 <i>Citrus unshiu</i> (Satsuma mandarin) and related varieties】are allowed to export to the mainland of the United States. Exporting fresh citrus orchards and packaging plants must apply for registration with the customs of the people's Republic of China and be approved by the United States department of agriculture.
	Announcement No.58 of 2020 of the General Administration of Customs	Announcement on Quarantine Requirements for Chinese Fruits Exported to Kazakhstan. From April 22, 2020, Chinese fruits that meet the requirements of plant quarantine for export to Kazakhstan will be exported to Kazakhstan. The varieties of exported fruits include apples, pears, peaches, plums, apricots, nectarines, citrus fruits, grapes, persimmons, mangoes, pitaya, kiwi fruit, strawberries, pineapples, papayas, melons, passion fruits, longans, coconuts, bananas, litchi, etc. Fruit orchards, packing plants and port warehouses for export must be examined and approved for registration by the Chinese customs and approved by Kazakhstan's Ministry of Agriculture.

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Animal and Plant Products Access	Announcement No.57 of 2020 of the General Administration of Customs	Announcement on Inspection and Quarantine Requirements for Imported Italian Rice. Rice produced in Italy since April 21, 2020 is allowed to be exported to China. The specific requirements are refined rice planted and processed in Italy (HS code: 1006.30). Imported rice must meet the inspection and quarantine requirements for imported Italian rice.
Certification Supervision	General Administration of Market Supervision No.18 of 2020	Announcement on Optimizing Compulsory Product Certification Catalogue. The announcement is an important adjustment since CNCA issued the Notice of CNCA on Issuing Description and Definition Forms of Compulsory Product Certification Catalogue in 2014. This adjustment is to sort out the products released between 2014 and 2020 that were cancelled certification and the certification procedures were adjusted. The scope of certified products has been adjusted from 158 products in 20 categories to 103 products in 17 categories, including 7 products that implement self-declaration procedure A (self-selected laboratory type test+self-declaration), and 12 products that implement self-declaration procedure B (designated laboratory type test+self-declaration).
	No.640 [2020] of the State Development and Reform Commission's General Administration of Market Supervision	Notice on Issuing the Catalogue of Products with Energy Efficiency Labels in the People's Republic of China (15th Batch) and Relevant Implementing Rules. Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motors and Air Purifiers will be implemented as of July 1, 2020. Products manufactured or imported before July 1, 2020 can be delayed until July 1, 2021. For LED lamps for road and tunnel lighting, air-duct air-conditioning units, and low ambient temperature air source heat pump (cold water) units, the implementation date of the products is consistent with the implementation date of the corresponding mandatory national energy efficiency standards (i.e. mandatory implementation will begin on November 1, 2020). For products that leave the factory or are imported before the implementation of the logo, the energy efficiency logo can be added within one year from the date of implementation of the logo.
	General Administration of Market Supervision No.19 of 2020	Announcement on Implementation Requirements of Changing Production License to Compulsory Product Certification Management for Automotive Brake Lining Products. Starting from June 1, 2020, automotive brake linings will be included in the CCC certification management scope. During the certificate conversion period from June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021, brake lining products produced by domestic enterprises shall be delivered, sold or used in other business activities with valid production license or CCC certification. After June 1, 2021 (inclusive), the factory must be certified by CCC, sold or used in other business activities.

Ge Jizhong, the chairman of Xinhai was invited to attend the “China-Congo the Belt and Road Promotion Conference and Cooperation Signing Ceremony” .

Recently, the " China-Congo the Belt and Road Promotion Conference and Cooperation Signing Ceremony " sponsored by the National Development Fund of the Republic of Congo and supported by the leaders of the Congolese embassy in China was grandly held in Super Brand Mall Square, Pudong New Area, Shanghai.



- Chairman Ge Jizhong shared the experience and harvest of overseas African visits in recent years at the exchange meeting. He hoped that Chinese funds could help Africa develop through the development fund. He also hoped that customs declaration, logistics and trade enterprises would participate in the investment in Africa and provide a wider range of services and transactions for the African market.
- Participants held in-depth discussions and exchanges on bilateral policies, supply and demand nodes, capacity development and investment priorities between China and Congo. In particular, the cocoa bean industry chain and the supply of raw materials for the paper industry were discussed in depth and in detail.

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