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# RCEP progress



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## RCEP sign complete

On November 15th, 2020, the RCEP Agreement was officially signed, marking the successful launch of the largest and most influential free trade agreement in the world.

## Implementation of RCEP entry into force

On November 2nd, 2021, it was learned that six ASEAN members, namely Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, and four non-ASEAN members, namely China, Japan, New Zealand and Australia, had submitted their approval documents, which had reached the entry into force threshold of the RCEP Agreement and would take effect on January 1st, 2022.

## RCEP development opportunity

Compared with the previous bilateral FTAs, RCEP's service trade field has reached the highest level of the above-mentioned 15-country FTA. In the field of cross-border e-commerce, RCEP has reached high-level trade facilitation rules, which will significantly improve the efficiency of cross-border trade in customs and logistics; Financial services will drive the growth of supply chain financial demand such as financial settlement, foreign trade insurance, investment and financing.



# Review of RCEP advantages

01

## Zero-tariff products cover more than 90%

There are two ways to reduce taxes: to zero tariff immediately after taking effect and to zero within 10 years. Compared with other FTAs, under the same preferential tariff, enterprises will gradually adopt RCEP, a better origin policy, to enjoy preferential treatment.

02

## Cumulative rules of origin reduce the threshold of benefiting

RCEP allows the intermediate products of several parties to meet the required value-added standards or production requirements, and the threshold of enjoying zero tariff is obviously reduced.

03

## Provide a broader space for service trade

China promises to further expand the scope of commitment on the basis of China's accession to WTO; On the basis of China's entry into WTO, further remove restrictions. Other RCEP member countries also promised to provide greater market access.

04

## Negative investment list makes investment more liberal

China's negative list of investment liberalization commitments in five non-service sectors, namely manufacturing, agriculture, forestry, fishery and mining, was implemented. Other RCEP member countries are also generally open to the manufacturing industry. For agriculture, forestry, fishing and mining industries, access is also allowed if certain requirements or conditions are met.

05

## Promote trade facilitation

Try to release the goods within 48 hours after arrival; Express goods, perishable goods, etc. shall be released within 6 hours after the arrival of the goods; Promote all parties to reduce unnecessary technical barriers to trade in standards recognition, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures, and encourage all parties to strengthen cooperation and exchanges in standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures.

06

## Strengthen the protection of intellectual property rights

The content of intellectual property is the longest part of RCEP agreement, and it is also the most comprehensive chapter on intellectual property protection in FTA signed by China so far. It covers copyright, trademarks, geographical indications, patents, designs, genetic resources, traditional knowledge and folk literature and art, anti-unfair competition and so on.

07

## Promote the use, cooperation and progress of e-commerce

The main contents include: paperless trade, electronic authentication, electronic signature, protecting the personal information of e-commerce users and allowing the free flow of cross-border data.

08

## Further standardization of trade relief

Reiterate WTO rules and establish transitional safeguard system; Standardize practical practices such as written information, consultation opportunities, announcement and explanation of ruling, and promote the transparency and due process of trade remedy investigation.



# Announcement of relevant duty-free list

## Tariff [2021] No.44

Notice of the General Administration of Customs and the General Administration of Taxation of the Ministry of Finance on the duty-free list of imported scientific research, scientific and technological development and teaching supplies during the 14th Five-Year Plan period (the first batch)

The first tax-free list of imported scientific research, scientific and technological development and teaching supplies during the 14th Five-Year Plan period was announced.

The list of duty-free imported goods of scientific research institutions, technology development institutions, schools, party schools (administrative colleges) and libraries shall be implemented in accordance with Articles 1 to 15 of the Annex.

The list of duty-free imported goods of the publication importer shall be implemented in accordance with Article 5 of the Annex.

## Duty-free product category

- 1 Instruments, meters and accessories for analysis, measurement, inspection, measurement, observation, signal generation and signal processing. Including sensors or similar devices and accessories necessary for analysis, measurement, inspection, measurement and observation. Chapters 84, 85 and 90 of the Tariff (except 84.23, 90.04 and 9015.1000), 91.05 and 91.06.
- 2 Equipment for experiment and teaching, excluding equipment for pilot test and production.  
Prepare. There are commodity category breakdown and tax number category.
- 3 Computer workstation, medium and large computer. Include data.  
Exchange instrument. Tariff 8471.4110, 8471.4190, 8471.4910, 8471.4999 and 8517.6.



# Announcement of relevant duty-free list

It is used to repair the instruments, meters and equipment that have been or can be imported duty-free according to the list of duty-free imported goods under the item No.23 of Finance Tariff [2021], or to improve, expand and upgrade their functions, but the special parts and accessories imported separately (within 10 years from the date of customs release of imported instruments, meters and equipment, but not exceeding the policy implementation period of December 31, 2025).

## Category 4

Specimens, models. , the tariff number of "specimen" is listed as "tariff" 9705.0000, and "model" is not restricted by tariff number.

## Category 7

Books, documents (including digital document database), newspapers, music scores and Other materials (including CD-ROM, microfiche, film, satellite photos of earth information, audio-visual products of science and technology and teaching). Tariff 37.04-37.06, 49.01-49.11, 85.23.

## Category 5

Materials for experiment and research, including reagents, biological intermediates and products, drugs, isotopes and other special materials. There are subdivided categories. Except for electronic products, raw materials are not restricted by tariff lines. In addition, other commodities should be within the scope of the following tariff numbers: Chapter 25-40 of the Tariff.

## Category 8

Lectures, audio-visual materials, slides, software and various carrier forms Software license. Tariff 49.06-49.07, 49.11, 84.71, 85.23.

## Category 6

Experiment with animals. The commodities mentioned in this article shall fall within the following tariff lines: Chapters I and III of the Tariff.

## Category 9



# Announcement of relevant duty-free list

90.18-90.22 (except 9018.1100, 9018.1210, 9018.1930, 9018.9020, 9018.9070), 90.27 medical detection and analysis equipment; Chapters 84, 85 and 90 of supporting equipment.

## Category 10

Sports equipment (limited to sports schools, professional and sports scientific research institutions and technology development institutions); Tariff 95.06.

## Category 13

Fine varieties of plants and seeds (limited to agricultural and forestry schools, professional and agricultural and forestry scientific research institutions and technology development institutions). Chapter 6-10 of Tariff.

## Category 11

Key equipment used in ships (limited to shipping schools and majors). Tariff 8406.1000, 8408.1000 (only those with power of 8000-10000 kw Marine high-speed diesel engine).

## Category 14

Musical instruments, including strings, wind music, percussion and plucked string music, keyboard music, electronic music and other professional musical instruments (limited to art schools, professional and artistic scientific research institutions and technical development institutions). Tariff 84.71, 92.01-92.07.

## Category 12

Non-gasoline and diesel-powered sample cars (limited to automobile schools, professional and automobile scientific research institutions and technology development institutions). Tariff 8701.9190, 8701.9290, 8701.9390, 8701.9490, 8701.9590, 8702.40, 8703.8000, 8704.1030, 87.05.

## Category 15

# US retaliatory tariff increase

99 items of protective products exclude the source of additional levy.

<https://ustr.gov/issue-areas/enforcement/section-301-investigations/section-301-china-technology-transfer/china-section-301-tariff-actions-and-exclusion-process/covid-exclusions>。

The United States imposed a time limit on the recovery of 99 commodities

- 81 items of goods: USTR of the United States further excludes the additional levy, and the deadline for excluding the additional levy will be May 31st, 2022.
- Basis: Clause 9903.88.66 of the United States
- 18 items: USTR of the United States further excludes additional levy, and the deadline for excluding additional levy is November 30th, 2021.
- Basis: American 9903.88.66, 9903.88.01, 9903.88.02, 9903.88.03, 9903.88.04, 9903.88.15, and Covid Exclusion Expanding November 30, released by USTR.





# US retaliatory tariff increase

(18 categories will be resumed from December, except those applying for exemption)

Commodity tax No.	Corresponding tax item provision	Corresponding to our national tax No.
3919.90.5060	Self-adhesive plates, sheets, film, foil, tape, strip and other flat shapes, of plastics, not in roll,not having a light-reflecting surface,not reflectorized sheeting,not filament reinforced tape,not electrical tape,not transparent tape	part 39199090.90
3808.94.5050	a kind of disinfectants:hydrogen peroxide put up in disinfectant preparations for sanitizing or disinfecting surfaces,not containing any aromatic or modified aromatic	part 38089400.10 part 38089400.90
3808.94.5080	a kind of disinfectants:alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing 60 percent or more by weight of ethanol, of a kind described in statistical note 1 to this chapter,not containing any aromatic or modified aromatic	part 38089400.90
3808.94.5095	Other disinfectants:not containing any aromatic or modified aromatic,not 3808.94.5050,not 3808.94.5080,not wipes impregnated with alcohol or other disinfectants(except paper wipes or nonwoven wipes)	part 38089400.90
4015.19.1010	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories (except gloves, mittens and mitts), for all purposes, of vulcanized rubber other than hard rubber,not medical,seamless and disposable	part 40159090
3401.30.5000	Organic surface-active products and preparations for washing the skin, in the form of liquid or cream and put up for retail sale, whether or not containing soap,not containing any aromatic or modified aromatic surface-active agent	part 34013000
3926.20.9010	Aprons	part 39262090
6307.90.9870/75	face masks, other than respirators without replaceable filters, whether or not disposable	part 63079000.10
5603.12.0090	Nonwovens, not impregnated, coated, covered with material other than or in addition to rubber, plastics, wood pulp or glass fibers, in rolls that are pre-slitted in lengths of not less than 15cm to not more than 107cm,for use in the manufacture of personal care wipes	part 56031290



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(18 categories will be resumed from December)

(Continued from the above table)

Commodity tax No.	Corresponding tax item provision	Corresponding to our national tax No.
4015.19.0510	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories (except gloves, mittens and mitts), for medical use, of nature rubber	40159010
4015.19.0550	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories (except gloves, mittens and mitts), for medical use, of vulcanized rubber	
4818.90.0000	Face masks, of paper fabrics	part 48189000
6307.90.6090	Surgical drapes, of fabric formed on a base of paper or covered or lined with paper, not Perineal towels	part 63079000.90
6307.90.6800	Spunlaced or bonded fiber fabric disposable surgical drapes of man-made fibers	part 63079000.90
6116.10.6500	Gloves, knitted or crocheted, impregnated, coated or covered with plastics or rubber, containing less than 50 percent by weight of textile fibers	part 61161000
6307.90.9850	Face mask, particulate facepiece respirators and single-use medical masks, of textile fabrics	63079000.10
6307.90.9845		



# Summary of emergency preventive measures taken by the General Administration of Customs to overseas enterprises in November

Country	Overseas manufacturers	Specific notice/announcement
Myanmar	Manufacturing enterprise TWO RIVERS COMPANY LIMITED	As Covid-19 nucleic acid was positive in two outer packaging samples of a batch of frozen eel imported from Myanmar, according to the provisions of Announcement No.103 of General Administration of Customs in 2020, the national customs suspended the import declaration of Myanmar aquatic products manufacturer TWO RIVERS COMPANY LIMITED (registration number YGN/009/TRC/DOF) for one week from October 26th.
Russia	Fish factory vessel Eglaine Mercury Co.,LTD and manufacturing enterprise Zarya LLC	As Covid-19 nucleic acid was positive in two outer packaging samples of two batches of frozen fine-scale salmon imported from Russia, according to the provisions of Announcement No.103 of General Administration of Customs in 2020, the national customs suspended the import declaration of products from Russian processing fishing boat Eglaine Mercury Co.,LTD (registered as CH-154) and production enterprise Zarya LLC (registered as CH-522) for one week from October 27th.
Argentina	Manufacturing enterprise COMPANIA BERNAL S.A. and BAJO CERO S.A.	As Covid-19 nucleic acid was positive in an outer packaging sample of a batch of frozen boneless beef imported from Argentina, according to the General Administration of Customs Announcement No.103 of 2020, the national customs suspended the import declaration of Argentine meat producers COMPANIA BERNAL S.A (registration number: 2062) and BAJO CERO S.A (registration number: 4121) for one week from October 28th.
Indonesia	Manufacturing enterprise PT. SANJAYA INTERNASIONAL FISHERY	As Covid-19 nucleic acid was positive in an outer package sample of a batch of frozen squid imported from Indonesia, according to the provisions of Announcement No.103 of General Administration of Customs in 2020, the national customs suspended the import declaration of Indonesian aquatic product manufacturer PT. SANJAYA INTERNASIONAL FISHERY (registration number: CR 513-12) for one week from October 28th.
Russia	Manufacturing enterprise Zarya LLC	As Covid-19 nucleic acid was positive in an outer packaging sample of a batch of frozen fine-scale salmon imported from Russia, according to the provisions of Announcement No.103 of General Administration of Customs in 2020, the national customs continued to suspend the import declaration of products from Russian manufacturer Zarya LLC (registration number: CH-522) for four weeks from November 3rd, 2021.



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Country	Overseas manufacturers	Specific notice/announcement
India	Manufacturing enterprise M/s. Keshodwala Foods, Unit II	As Covid-19 nucleic acid was positive in one outer packaging sample of a batch of frozen hairtail imported from India, according to the provisions of Announcement No.103 of General Administration of Customs in 2020, the national customs suspended the import declaration of products from Indian aquatic product manufacturer M/s. Keshodwala Foods, Unit II (registration number: 1148) for one week from November 3rd.
Malaysia	Manufacturing enterprise PLAU KEE LIVE&FROZEN SEAFOODS SDN. BHD.	As Covid-19 nucleic acid was positive in one outer packaging sample of a batch of frozen hairtail imported from Malaysia, according to the provisions of Announcement No.103 of General Administration of Customs in 2020, the national customs suspended the import declaration of products from Malaysian aquatic product manufacturer Plaukee Live & Frozen Seafood SDN. BHD. (registration number: CN051) for one week from November 6th.
Russia	Fishing carrier BELOMORSK LLC «FC «Virma»	As Covid-19 nucleic acid was positive in an outer packaging sample of a batch of frozen cod imported from Russia, according to the provisions of Announcement No.103 of General Administration of Customs in 2020, the national customs suspended the import declaration of products from Russian fishing carrier BELOMORSK LLC «FC «Virma» (registration number: CH-05P) for one week from November 6th.
India	Manufacturing enterprise M/s. A.S. Enterprise	As Covid-19 nucleic acid was positive in an inner package sample of a batch of frozen cuttlefish imported from India, according to the provisions of Announcement No.103 of General Administration of Customs in 2020, the national customs suspended the import declaration of Indian aquatic products manufacturer M/s. A.S. Enterprise (registration number: 1310) for one week from November 6th.
Singapore	Manufacturing enterprise Ha Li Fa Pte Ltd	As Covid-19 nucleic acid was positive in one package sample of a batch of frozen cooked white fish balls imported from Singapore, according to the provisions of Announcement No.103 of General Administration of Customs in 2020, the national customs suspended the acceptance of the import declaration of Singapore aquatic products manufacturer Ha Li Fa Pte Ltd (registered as NY12G0001) for one week from November 11th.



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Country	Overseas manufacturers	Specific notice/announcement
Indonesia	Manufacturing enterprise PT. DUA PUTRA UTAMA MAKMUR, TBK	Because of a batch of frozen food imported from Indonesia? ? Covid-19 nucleic acid was positive in one outer package and one inner package sample of fish. According to the provisions of Announcement No.103 of General Administration of Customs in 2020, the national customs suspended the import declaration of Indonesian aquatic products manufacturer PT. DUA PUTRA UTAMA MAKMUR, TBK (registration number: CR 444-14) for one week from November 11th.
Pakistan	Manufacturing enterprise M/s. Sea Road Aquaculture Seafoods.	As Covid-19 nucleic acid was positive in one outer packaging sample of a batch of frozen golden thread fish imported from Pakistan, according to the provisions of Announcement No.103 of General Administration of Customs in 2020, the national customs suspended the import declaration of products from Pakistan aquatic product manufacturer M/S. Sea Road Aquaculture Seafood. (registration number: T- 505/ E- 2018) for one week from November 17th.
Ecuador	Manufacturing enterprise OPERADORA Y PROCESADORA DE PRODUCTOS MARINOS OMARSA S.A.	As Covid-19 nucleic acid was positive in an outer packaging sample of a batch of frozen South American white shrimp imported from Ecuador, according to the provisions of Announcement No.103 of General Administration of Customs in 2020, the national customs suspended the import declaration of Ecuador aquatic product manufacturer Opedora y Procesador a de Productos Marinos Omar SA S.A. (registration number: 477) for four weeks from November 17th.
Russia	Fish factory vessel Langusta JSC "Kurilskiy rybak"	As Covid-19 nucleic acid was positive in an outer packaging sample of a batch of frozen narrow cod imported from Russia, according to the provisions of General Administration of Customs Announcement No.103 of 2020, the national customs suspended the import declaration of products from Russian processing fishing boat Langusta JSC "Kurilskiy rybak "(registration number: CH-72H) for one week from November 20th.
Philippines	Manufacturing enterprise Chen-Kao Marine Corporation	As Covid-19 nucleic acid was positive in two outer packaging samples of a batch of frozen eel imported from the Philippines, according to General Administration of Customs Announcement No.103, 2020, the national customs suspended the import declaration of the Philippine aquatic product manufacturer Chen-Kao Marine Corporation (registration number: 2471850) for one week from November 25th.



# Summary of new CIQ policies in November

Category	Announcement No.	Comments
Supervision of animal and plant products	Announcement No.90 of the General Administration of Customs in 2021	Announcement on quarantine requirements of imported fresh passion fruit plants in Laos. From November 5th, 2021, the imported fresh passion fruit from Laos that meets relevant requirements will be allowed. Fresh passion fruit (passion fruit, scientific name <i>Passiflora edulis</i> , English name Passion fruits) from Laos passion fruit producing area is allowed to be imported. The announcement stipulated from nine aspects, such as approved orchard and packaging factory registration, pests, orchard management, packaging factory management, packaging requirements, pre-export quarantine, plant quarantine certificate requirements, entry quarantine and unqualified treatment, and retrospective review.
	Announcement No.89 of the General Administration of Customs in 2021	Announcement on inspection and quarantine requirements for import and export fruits of China and Thailand in transit to third countries. From November 3rd, 2021, the import and export fruits of China and Thailand that meet relevant requirements will be allowed to transit through third countries. Commodities allowed to enter and exit are fruits listed in the list of fruit types allowed by the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China and the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand. Limited entry and exit ports, 10 ports in China and 6 ports in Thailand, which are dynamically adjusted. The announcement regulates the approved orchards, packaging plants and related marks, packaging requirements, phytosanitary certificate requirements, transit third country transportation requirements and entry inspection and quarantine. Among them, it is clear that no container can be opened or replaced during the transportation of fruits in transit to a third country.
	Announcement No.85 of the General Administration of Customs in 2021	Announcement on inspection and quarantine requirements for imported Italian beef. Since October 26th, 2021, Italian beef that meets relevant requirements is allowed to be imported. The products allowed to be imported are frozen and chilled deboned skeletal muscles of cattle under 30 months of age, that is, the skeletal muscles of cattle after being slaughtered and bled except for skin (hair), viscera, head, tail and limbs (below wrist and joints). Products that are not allowed to be imported include minced meat, minced meat, minced meat, leftover bits and pieces, mechanically divided meat and other by-products. The announcement stipulated in four aspects: requirements of production enterprises, inspection and quarantine requirements, certificate requirements, packaging, storage, transportation and labeling requirements.
	Announcement No.83 of the General Administration of Customs in 2021	Announcement on inspection and quarantine requirements for imported Russian beef. From October 18th, 2021, Russian beef that meets relevant requirements will be allowed to be imported. Russian beef allowed to be imported refers to frozen or chilled deboned or boned skeletal muscle of cattle under 30 months of age at slaughter [cattle are slaughtered and bled to remove hair, viscera, head and tail and limbs (below wrist and joints)], edible by-products [including frozen bovine diaphragm, frozen bovine hoof (box removal), frozen bovine tendon, frozen bovine tendon and frozen bovine whip], and its unrefined body fat. Products that are not allowed to be exported to China include minced meat, pieces, mechanically separated meat, spine, skull and other by-products not mentioned. The announcement stipulated from five aspects: requirements of production enterprises, inspection and quarantine requirements, certificate requirements, packaging, storage, transportation and marking requirements, and other requirements of quality control.



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Category	Announcement No.	Comments
Supervision of animal and plant products	Announcement No.82 of the General Administration of Customs in 2021	Announcement on quarantine and hygiene requirements of imported Irish breeding pigs. From October 18th, 2021, Irish breeding pigs that meet the requirements are allowed to be imported. It is regulated from seven aspects: quarantine approval requirements, Irish animal health status, farm animal health requirements for export breeding pigs, farm quarantine requirements, quarantine requirements before export, disinfection, packaging and transportation requirements and quarantine certificate requirements.
Customs clearance	Announcement No.84 of the General Administration of Customs in 2021	Announcement on no longer issuing GSP certificates of origin for goods destined for EU member states, UK, Canada, Turkey, Ukraine and Liechtenstein. Since December 1, 2021, the customs will no longer issue GSP certificates of origin for goods exported to EU member states, the United Kingdom, Canada, Turkey, Ukraine and Liechtenstein. Non-preferential certificate of origin can be applied for if proof of origin is required.
Administrative approval	Announcement No.87 of the General Administration of Customs in 2021	Announcement on Issuing the Administrative Measures for Export Food Production Enterprises to Apply for Overseas Registration. The announcement shall come into force as of January 1, 2022. It is clear that the scope that needs to be registered is that the export food production enterprises do not include the production, processing and storage enterprises of export food additives and food-related products. The competent department is the General Administration of Customs. The management measures regulate the registration conditions, assessment procedures and post-registration management of export food production enterprises.
	General Administration of Customs, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs Announcement No.470, 2021	The People's Republic of China prohibits carrying or sending the list of animals and plants, their products and other quarantine objects that have entered the territory. In this revision, some high-risk animal and plant products and other quarantine objects are added, such as fresh cut flowers, veterinary biological products, tobacco shreds, etc., while some negligible risks of animal and plant products and other quarantine objects are exempted, such as dried, cooked, fermented edible sauce aquatic animal products and processed eggshells, hoof (claw) bones, shellfish, crustaceans and other handicrafts, which are classified more scientifically, for example, aquatic animal products are listed separately and organically cultivated.



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