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Report Highlights:

On May 16, 2022, the Government of Mexico (GOM) published a presidential decree temporarily exempting the payment of import duties on 66 tariff lines covering staple food items and basic commodities for food processing. The tariff suspension is part of the GOM's recently announced Program to Combat Food Price Inflation and Scarcity. The exemption entered into force on May 17, 2022 for a period of one year. This report provides the list of exempted tariff lines.

Report Summary

Faced with rising inflation, the Government of Mexico (GOM) published a presidential decree putting in place a temporary exemption on import duties for 66 tariff lines comprising the basic food basket and several commodities for food processing. The applicable product categories are corn oil, rice, tuna, pork, chicken, beef, onions, jalapeño pepper, beans, corn flour, wheat flour, eggs, toilet soap, tomatoes, milk, lemons, white corn, apples, oranges, sliced bread, potatoes, pasta for soup, sardines, sorghum, wheat, and carrots. The tariff exemption also applies to live animals of the bovine, porcine, ovine, or caprine species, as well as roosters and chickens.

The GOM first announced the tariff suspension as part of its Program to Combat Food Price Inflation and Scarcity (PACIC). In addition to the tariff suspensions, PACIC also includes steps to support increased production of grains by subsistence farmers, including bolstering fertilizer production for use by small producers. Along with PACIC, President López Obrador announced a plan to maintain “fair prices” for the basic food basket, through a voluntary agreement with the private sector, without the use of mandatory price controls. For more information on PACIC, see GAIN Report MX2002-0030, Government of Mexico Program to Combat Food Price Inflation and Scarcity.

The presidential decree temporarily suspending payment of some tariffs was published in the Mexican Federal Register on May 16, 2022 and entered into force on May 17, 2022, for a period of one year with the possibility of a one-year extension.

The decree notes that this action only applies to tariffs and does not exempt imports from complying with applicable regulations, sanitary and phytosanitary requirements, and other non-tariff measures.

The following HS Codes, listed in the Article 1 of the Decree, will be exempt from tariffs:

CODE	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	SHARE (TARIFF)		DIMENSION
			tax	XP	
02.01	Meat of animals of the bovine species, fresh or refrigerated.				
0201.10.01	Carcasses and half-carcasses.	kg	Ex	Ex	
0201.20.99	Other cuts (pieces) without bone.	kg	Ex	Ex	
0201.30.01	Boneless .	kg	Ex	Ex	
02.02	Meat of animals of the bovine species, frozen.				
0202.10.01	Carcasses and half-carcasses.	kg	Ex	Ex	
02.02	Meat of bovine animals, frozen.				
0202.20.99	Other cuts (pieces) without bone.	kg	Ex	Ex	
0202.30.01	Boneless .	kg	Ex	Ex	

02.03	Meat of animals of the porcine species, fresh, refrigerated or frozen.				
0203.11.01	Carcasses and half-carcasses.	kg	Ex	Ex	
0203.12.01	Legs, shoulders, and their pieces, without bone.	kg	Ex	Ex	
0203.19.99	The others .	kg	Ex	Ex	
0203.21.01	Carcasses and half-carcasses.	kg	Ex	Ex	
0203.22.01	Legs, shoulders, and their pieces, without bone.	kg	Ex	Ex	
0203.29.99	The others .	kg	Ex	Ex	
02.07	Meat and edible offal, of poultry of heading 01.05, fresh, chilled or frozen.				
0207.11.01	Uncut, fresh or chilled.	kg	Ex	Ex	
0207.12.01	Uncut , frozen . _	kg	Ex	Ex	
0207.13.04	Chunks and offal, fresh or chilled.	kg	Ex	Ex	
0207.14.99	The others .	kg	Ex	Ex	
03.02	Fresh or chilled fish, except fillets and other fish meat of heading 03.04.				
0302.43.01	Sardines (<i>Sardina pilchardus</i> , <i>Sardinops spp.</i>), sardines (<i>Sardinella spp.</i>) and sprats (<i>Sprattus sprattus</i>).	kg	Ex	Ex	
03.03	Frozen fish, except fillets and other fish meat of heading 03.04.				
0303.53.01	Sardines (<i>Sardina pilchardus</i> , <i>Sardinops spp.</i>), sardines (<i>Sardinella spp.</i>) and sprats (<i>Sprattus sprattus</i>).	kg	Ex	Ex	
03.04	Fish fillets and other fish meat (including minced), fresh, chilled or frozen.				
0304.87.01	Tuna (of the genus <i>Thunnus</i>), skipjack or stripe-bellied bonito (<i>Euthynnus</i> (<i>Katsuwonus</i>) <i>pelamis</i>).	kg	Ex	Ex	
04.01	Milk and cream (cream), not concentrated, without added sugar or other sweetener.				
0401.10.02	With a fat content less than or equal to 1% by weight.	L	Ex	Ex	
0401.20.02	With a fat content greater than 1% but less than or equal to 6%, by weight.	L	Ex	Ex	
0401.40.02	With a fat content greater than 6% but less than or equal to 10%, by weight.	L	Ex	Ex	
0401.50.02	With a fat content greater than 10% by weight.	L	Ex	Ex	

04.02	Milk and cream (cream), concentrated or with added sugar or other sweetener.				
0402.10.01	Powdered or pill milk.	kg	Ex	Ex	
0402.10.99	The others .	kg	Ex	Ex	
0402.21.01	Powdered or pill milk.	kg	Ex	Ex	
0402.21.99	The others .	kg	Ex	Ex	
0402.29.99	The others .	kg	Ex	Ex	
04.07	Bird eggs in shell (shell), fresh, preserved or cooked.				
0407.29.01	for consumption human .	kg	Ex	Ex	
07.01	Potatoes (potatoes) fresh or chilled.				
0701.90.99	The others .	kg	Ex	Ex	
07.02	Fresh or chilled tomatoes .				
0702.00.03	Fresh or chilled tomatoes .	kg	Ex	Ex	
07.03	Onions, shallots, garlic, leeks and other alliaceous vegetables, fresh or chilled.				
0703.10.02	Onions and shallots .	kg	Ex	Ex	
07.06	Carrots, turnips, salad beets, salsify, celeriac , radishes, and similar edible roots, fresh or chilled.				
0706.10.01	Carrots and turnips .	kg	Ex	Ex	
07.09	Other vegetables, fresh or chilled.				
0709.60.99	The others .	kg	Ex	Ex	
07.10	Vegetables, even if they are cooked in water or steam, frozen.				
0710.10.01	Potatoes (potatoes).	kg	Ex	Ex	
0710.80.01	Onions .	kg	Ex	Ex	
07.12	Dried vegetables, including cut, sliced, comminuted, or ground, but not further prepared.				
0712.20.01	Onions .	kg	Ex	Ex	
07.13	Dried shelled pod vegetables, even if peeled or split.				
0713.33	Beans (beans, kidney beans, beans, common beans) (<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>).				
0713.33.99	The others .	kg	Ex	Ex	
08.05	Fresh or dried citrus fruits.				
0805.10.01	Oranges .	kg	Ex	Ex	
0805.50.03	Lemons (<i>Citrus limon</i> , <i>Citrus limonum</i>) and limes (<i>Citrus aurantifolia</i> , <i>Citrus latifolia</i>).	kg	Ex	Ex	
08.08	Apples, pears and quinces, fresh.				

0808.10.01	apples.	kg	Ex	Ex	
08.13	Fruits and other nuts, dried, except those of headings 08.01 to 08.06; mixtures of fruits or other dried fruits or nuts of this Chapter.				
0813.30.01	apples.	kg	Ex	Ex	
09.04	<i>Piper</i> genus; fruits of the genera <i>Capsicum</i> or <i>Pimenta</i>, dried, crushed or pulverized.				
0904.21.02	Dried, without grinding or pulverizing.	kg	Ex	Ex	
0904.22.02	Crushed or pulverized.	kg	Ex	Ex	
10.01	Wheat and morcajo (tranquillon).				
1001.11.01	For planting .	kg	Ex	Ex	
1001.19.99	The others .	kg	Ex	Ex	
1001.91.99	The others .	kg	Ex	Ex	
1001.99.99	The others .	kg	Ex	Ex	
10.05	corn .				
1005.90.04	Corn white (flour).	kg	Ex	Ex	
10.06	Rice.				
1006.10.99	The others .	kg	Ex	Ex	
10.07	Sorghum	Kg	Ex	Ex	
1007.90.01	When the operation is carried out within the period included in this Decree	Kg	Ex	Ex	
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11.01	Wheat or meslin flour (tranquillón).				
1101.00.01	Wheat or meslin flour (tranquillón).	kg	Ex	Ex	
11.02	Cereal flour, except wheat or meslin (tranquillón).				
1102.20.01	Corn flour . _	kg	Ex	Ex	
15.15	Other fixed vegetable fats and oils (including jojoba oil), and their fractions, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified.				
1515.29.99	The others .	kg	Ex	Ex	
16.04	Fish preparations and preserves; caviar and caviar substitutes prepared from fish roe.				
1604.13.02	Sardines , sardines and sprats .	kg	Ex	Ex	
1604.14.99	The others .	kg	Ex	Ex	Only : Tuna .
1604.20.03	Other prepared and preserved fish.	kg	Ex	Ex	Only : Sardines .

19.02	Pasta, whether or not cooked or stuffed (with meat or other substances) or otherwise prepared, such as spaghetti, noodles, macaroni, tagliatelle, lasagna, gnocchi, ravioli, cannelloni; couscous, whether or not prepared.				
1902.11.01	Contain egg .	kg	Ex	Ex	
1902.19.99	The others .	kg	Ex	Ex	
1902.30.99	Other pasta products . _	kg	Ex	Ex	
19.05	Bakery, pastry or biscuit products, whether or not containing added				
	cocoa; wafers, empty seals of a kind used for medicines, sealing wafers, dried pastes of flour, starch or starch, in sheets, and similar products.				
1905.40.01	Toasted bread and similar toasted products.	kg	Ex	Ex	Only : box bread .
1905.90.99	The others .	kg	Ex	Ex	Only : box bread .
20.02	Tomatoes prepared or preserved (except in vinegar or acetic acid).				
2002.10.01	Whole or diced tomatoes.	kg	Ex	Ex	
20.04	Other vegetables prepared or preserved (other than by vinegar or acetic acid), frozen, excluding products of heading 20.06.				
2004.10.01	Potatoes (potatoes).	kg	Ex	Ex	
20.05	Other vegetables prepared or preserved (other than by vinegar or acetic acid), not frozen, except products of heading 20.06.				
2005.20.01	Potatoes (potatoes).	kg	Ex	Ex	
34.01	Soap; organic surface-active products and preparations used as soap, in bars, loaves, pieces or molded or die-cut pieces, even if they contain soap; organic surface-active products and preparations for washing the skin, liquid or cream, put up for retail sale, whether or not containing soap; paper, wadding, felt and nonwovens, impregnated, coated or covered with soap or detergent.				
3401.11.01	Toiletries (including medicinal ones).	kg	Ex	Ex	

The following HS Codes, listed in the Article 2 of the Decree, will be exempt from tariff quota as soon as the Economy Secretariat communicates, through publication in the Official Gazette (DOF), that it has the favorable opinion of the Foreign Trade Commission in accordance with the Foreign Trade Law:

CODE	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	SHARE (TARIFF)	
			tax	XP
01.02	Live animals of the bovine species			
0102.29.99	The others .	Unit	Ex.	Ex.
01.03	Live animals of the porcine species			
0103.91.99	The others .	Head	Ex.	Ex.
0103.92.99	The others .	Head	Ex.	Ex.
01.04	Live animals of the ovine or caprine species			
0104.10.99	The others .	Unit	Ex.	Ex.
0104.20.99	The others .	Head	Ex.	Ex.
01.05	Roosters, hens, ducks, geese, turkeys and guinea fowl, of domestic species, live			
0105.11.99	The others .	Unit	Ex.	Ex.

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