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## **COVID 19 FAQs regarding FOREIGN TRADE in Peru**

**Are the companies considered foreign trade operators (maritime agencies, shipping agencies cargo, customs agencies, bonded warehouses, among others), as well as related companies to the cargo or merchandise transport service can operate under the Supreme Decree N ° 044-2020-PCM?**

On March 17, 2020, Ministerial Resolution N° 0232-2020-MTC/01.02 was published, in which the MTC establishes that no restrictions have been placed on the national and international transport of cargo and goods by land, water and rail, and that in order to carry out such an operation (of international transport or national) it is established that the following operators should continue to provide their services:

- general agencies,
- maritime agencies,
- customs agencies,
- cargo agencies,
- warehouses,
- logistics operators,
- suppliers of customs seals,
- suppliers of packaging material,
- pallet suppliers,
- vehicle custody companies,
- cargo inspectors,
- document delivery service providers,
- towing cranes,
- vehicle maintenance workshops;
- among others.

Therefore, companies that qualify as foreign trade operators (FTO) and those that provide the services described above may continue to operate with the aim of ensuring the international or national transport of cargo and goods by land, water and railway.

**Following the issuance of the Supreme Decree N ° 044-2020-PCM; has the import or export operations of goods been restricted?**

Pursuant to section 8.3 of article 8 of the mentioned decree, import and export operations are not restricted or limited, and foreign trade operators and public entities involved in these activities must continue to provide services to users, in order to allow the logistical flow of goods to and from the country. The Peruvian Customs Office communicated on March 16, 2020 that it will be open during the emergency period with restricted personnel, but sufficient to allow operations of customs activities.



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**Is the import and export activity in the country during the emergency period limited to any goods (basic needs) or is it open to any type of good?**

International trade operations are not restricted or limited to a certain type of goods. Merchandise can be imported or exported, since, as mentioned above, these operations have been excluded from the border closure.

**Has any amnesty or discretionary provision been established in the application or payment of fines by SUNAT for foreign trade operations during the emergency period decreed by the Government of Peru?**

At this time, no special provision has been approved for exoneration of liability in the commission of customs offenses under the General Customs Law, other than or additional to those already approved by Legislative Decree 1433.

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