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Regulatory Alert: Ecuador Modifies Import Limits for Express Delivery Regime

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BACKGROUND

On April 29, 2021, Ecuador's Foreign Trade Committee (composed of several authorities, including the Ministry of Production and International Trade, Ministry of Economy and Finance, and Customs) released Resolution 006-2021 implementing changes for which the express industry had been advocating in the import Categories B and C.

The resolution is an important step for Ecuador to promote Trade Facilitation, reducing the costs of import shipments, and motivating the use of e-commerce as a mechanism to promote the exports and imports.

WHAT HAS CHANGED?

The resolution eliminates the USD 42 flat tax for packages with a declared value of USD 400 Free on Board (FOB) or less, and whose weight is four kilograms or less (Category B). Furthermore, the resolution eliminates for category B the limit for importing five packages of the same commodity or USD 1,200 per fiscal year.

In Category C, the express clearance threshold increases from USD 2,000 to USD 5,000 (FOB), and the maximum weight increases from 50 kilograms to 100 kilograms. A limit of 10 items continues to apply for Category C treatment.

Timeline for Implementation: June 15, 2021

REFERENCES:

Statement by Ecuador's Ministry of Production, Foreign Trade, Investments and Fisheries on the resolution:

<https://www.produccion.gob.ec/comex-emitio-resolucion-que-impulsa-la-internacionalizacion-de-las-mipymes-con-exportacion-de-paqueteria-e-importacion-de-insumos/>

Resolution 006-2021:

<https://www.produccion.gob.ec/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Resolucion-COMEX-006-2021.pdf>

Resolution 20-0217:

<https://www.produccion.gob.ec/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/RESOLUCI%C3%93N-COMEX-020-2017.pdf>