

Chinese Authorities to Require Quality Certifications from Companies Seeking to Export COVID-19 Supplies

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On March 31, 2020, the Chinese Ministry of Commerce and General Administration of Customs issued an announcement that will require additional quality assurances from any Chinese company seeking to export certain supplies related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) response.

Effective April 1, 2020, the Announcement Regarding Orderly Undertaking of Medical Supply Exports requires certification that the exported goods (i) have obtained medical device products registration from Chinese authorities, and (ii) comply with the quality standards of the importing country. The announcement applies to COVID-19 tests, masks and other personal protective equipment (PPE), ventilators, and infrared thermometers. It appears to have been issued in response to recent reports of faulty PPE being exported from China to affected countries in Europe. The announcement includes an excel file identifying the products and companies that have been registered with Chinese authorities. For companies intending to source COVID-19 supplies from China, confirming that the supplier is on this list could be a useful first step in ensuring the reliability of the product.

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