

Notice of the General Office of Ministry of Commerce Regarding Helping Foreign Trade Enterprises to Cope with Difficulties and Reduce Losses amid Epidemic

The competent commercial departments of provincial, autonomous regions, municipalities directly under the Central Government, cities with separate plans and Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps:

At present, amid the epidemic caused by novel coronavirus in China, Chinese foreign trade enterprises are facing difficulties in normal production and operation. In order to resolutely implement the decision-making and deployment of the Party Central Committee and the State Council, actively respond to epidemic situations, and help enterprises maintain their legitimate rights and interests and reduce economic losses, Ministry of Commerce of China has guided six chambers of commerce for import and export which are China Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Textile and Apparel, China Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Light Industrial Products and Art-Crafts, China Chamber of Commerce of Metals, Minerals and Chemicals Importers and Exporters, China Chamber of Commerce of Import and Export of Foodstuffs, Native Produce and Animal By-products, China Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Machinery and Electronic Products, China Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Medicines and Health Products. We will make every effort to provide relative services such as certificate of force majeure, legal consultation, exhibition coordination, supply and demand matchmaking. The relevant matters are notified as follows:

- i. The chambers of commerce above will assist the enterprises in need to issue the certificate of force majeure of failing to meet the deadline for delivering goods due to the epidemic
- ii. The chambers of commerce above will provide enterprises with necessary legal and information services for related trade restrictions caused by the epidemic
- iii. The chambers of commerce above will coordinate exhibition organizations at home and abroad to help companies that cannot attend overseas exhibitions due to the epidemic to properly handle relative problems such as paid issues.
- iv. The chambers of commerce above will strengthen communication with enterprises and local governments, timely share information on products and services to build a bridge between supply and demand.

Ministry of Commerce of China will resolutely implement the decision-making and deployment of the Party Central Committee and the State Council, and work together with local competent commerce authorities, chambers of commerce for import and export, and foreign trade enterprises to overcome difficulties, win the battle against epidemic prevention and control, and strive to safeguard foreign trade stability.