

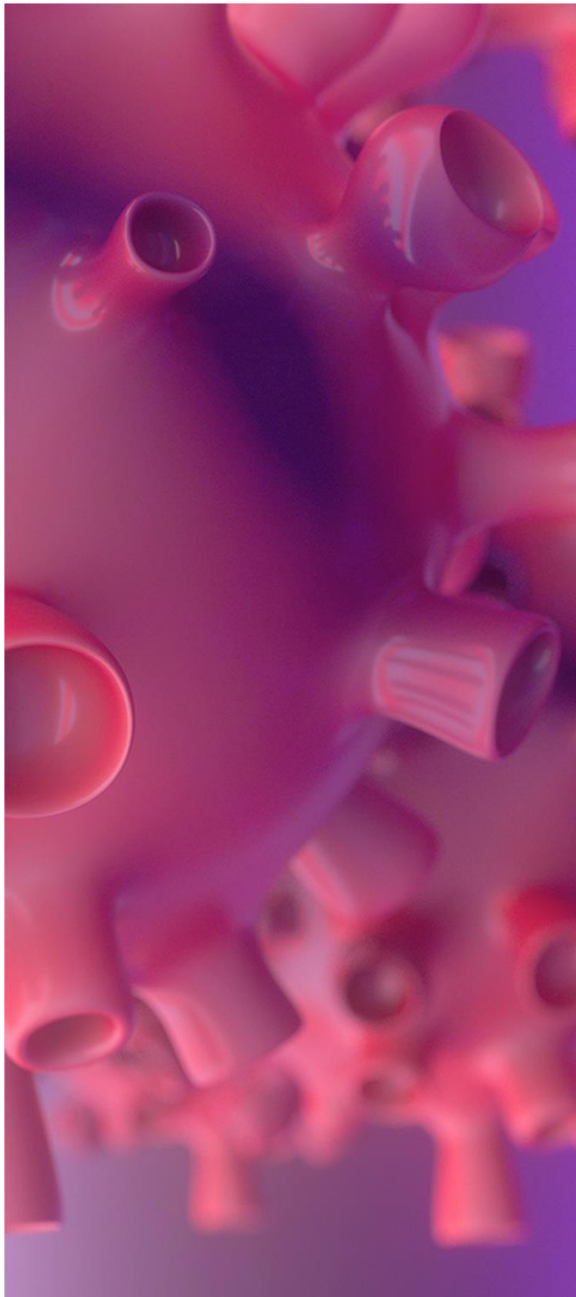
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As part of the measures approved to face the situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and following Commission Decision (EU) 2020/1573 of October 28, 2020, the Portuguese Tax and Customs Authority issued Circular no. 15796 of October 29, 2020 (the “Circular”), extending the deadline for the relief from import duties and VAT exemption for the import of goods for the victims of disasters until April 30, 2021.

The Circular clarifies that, provided certain requirements are met, during the period between January 30, 2020, and April 30, 2021, a relief from import duties and VAT exemption apply to customs clearance of goods for the fight against COVID-19.



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