

## ALERT

### Changes to the list of WTO exemptions

The Eurasian Economic Commission adopted a decision No. 109 dated 19 December 2019<sup>1</sup>. This decision expands the list of goods in which respect Kazakhstan, as a condition for its WTO accession, applies the rates of import customs duties which are lower than the rates of customs duties under the Common customs tariff of the EAEU.

The expanded list provides for 3317 commodity items including food, wood products, jewelry, cars, special equipment (bulldozers, graders, pipelayers, snow blowers) as well as other items. The rate of customs duties decreased by 2%-50%. For example, the rates of customs duties in respect of cars decreased to 16%, in respect of special equipment to 1%, in respect of certain types of construction materials to 11%.

These changes are effective from 3 January 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> Decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission dated 19 December 2019 No. 109 'On the introduction of amendments to the list of goods in which respect as a condition for the World Trade Organization accession, the rates of applicable import customs duties are lower than the rates under the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union and the amount of such duties'.