

On March 26, 2020, the Ministry of Economy issued an official letter numbered 414.2020.827, to implement the following measures to face the COVID-19 contingency in relation with the importation of goods subject to compliance with Official Mexican Standards:

- a) Importers may introduce their goods even without the certification of compliance with the listed Official Mexican Standards, as long as the certification / verification requests has been submitted before the verification unit. The document showing the submission with the entry number (folio) must be declared in the corresponding import declaration.

The certification organism (OC) or verification units (UV) must register the corresponding requests in accordance with the Customs-Regulatory System.

- b) Goods may be imported even if they are not included in the list of products of article 5 of the PROSEC Decree, and without having to demonstrate compliance with the referred Mexican Standards (*NOMs*) at the point of importation. This would apply for raw materials and fixed assets that are used in the manufacturing process.
- c) In case the imported products do not obtain the certificate of conformity or compliance opinion issued by the certification organism or verification unit, importers would not be able to continue importing with the entry number (folio) previously used. Customs authorities could also take additional measures or dictate the corresponding penalties for non-compliance. The Certification Organism or Verification Unit must give notice to the corresponding authorities in case the importer withdraws from or the certification process is suspended or cancelled.

It is important to mention that this regulation will be in effect until further notice of termination by the Ministry of Economy.

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