

Ministry of Economy and Trade

Decree No 5497

Imposition of some procedures in order to protect national products

The President of the Republic,

Based on the constitution,

Based on Law No 95 date 20/12/1995 and its reforms (customs fees tariff according to the coordinated system)

Based on Law No 4461 date 15/12/2000 and its reforms (customs law)

Based on Law No issued on 8/12/2006 (cancellation of the legislative decree No 31 date 5/8/1967 on combatting dumping and replace it with “Law of protecting national products)

Based on decree No 93 date 10/10/2018 (give the government the right to legislate in the customs field)

Based on the proposal of the Minister of Economy and Trade,

After the approval of the Council of Ministers on 21/5/2019, 18/6/2019 and 27/6/2019,

The following was decreed:

Article 1: Additional Customs fees are imposed on the valid and applied ones and the Customs Tariff will be amended in compliance with the Harmonized System of every product that is listed on the attached Annex to this decree.

Article 2: The attached Annex to this decree is considered as an integral part, the procedures and additional fees specified under this schedule shall be applied for a period of five years according to the following:

1- The products imported to Lebanon and originated from the Arab countries, which signed the Trade Facilitation and Development Agreement, will be subject to these additional fees when this Decree is ratified by the social economic council of the Arab League.

2- The products imported to Lebanon and originated from the European Union member states will be subject to these additional fees immediately upon the issuance of this decree, and the European Commission shall be informed accordingly.

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Article 3: The current procedures and applicable fees on the mentioned products shall continue to be applied until the provisions of this decree come into force.

Article 4: The Customs Department shall not allow the entry of imported goods from any country unless a certified copy of the invoice submitted to the Customs Department in the country of origin is included in the customs file.

Article 5: These procedures shall be applied to shipments imported to Lebanon after the date of entry into force of this decree.

Article 6: This Decree shall be published and will come into force as of the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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