

## Duty-free imports extended until September 30



*The customs facilitations for private individuals introduced in 2021 are valid until September 30 (source: [D-Cuba](#))*

Cuba [has extended](#) duty-free personal imports of food, toiletries, medicine and medical supplies through September 30.

The limits remain unchanged at 50 kilograms or \$500. For mail sent by air or sea, the limit raised last summer from \$200 to \$500 also remains in effect. For non-commercial mail containing food, personal care items, medicine and medical devices, the first 20 kilograms with a maximum value of US\$200 are duty-free. For all other shipments, the first \$30 up to 3 kilograms is duty-free, and a 30 percent tariff applies beyond that.

The measure was originally introduced in July 2021 and has since been extended for six months at a time, most recently for three months at a time.

At the same time, the screws have been tightened in another area: as of July 1, a maximum profit margin of 30 percent will apply to state-owned import companies that purchase goods on behalf of private companies. The measure is aimed at reducing costs "in the face of high inflation," reports the state-run news portal Cubadebate. The aim is to combat corruption in the form of under-the-table commissions paid to import companies, which artificially increase import costs, especially for food, according to industry insiders. ([Cubaheute](#))