



## Life Science Report on COVID-19 Export ban for PPEs, medicines and medical devices in CEE



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Belarus	No restrictions on exports to the EAEU. From the territory of the EAEU: gauze and its products, bandages; shoe covers, clothing and accessories (gloves); surgical single-use sheets and towels; certain materials for manufacturing of medical products; masks, individual respiratory protection devices and filters for them, protective goggles, disinfectants and certain substances for their production. Some types of goods can be exported subject to prior approval by a competent body. The ban is valid until 30.09.2020. Exceptions apply to international aid based on governmental decisions and exports by individuals for personal use and some other cases.	No restrictions.	No restrictions.
Bulgaria	Regulation (EU) 2020/568 of 24 April 2020 that restricts export of personal protective equipment to destinations outside the EU, unless an export license is first obtained expired on 25 May.  Hand sanitizers and their derivatives in the export ban. The following personal protective equipment and clothing is also included in the export ban: single-use overalls, single-use medical and surgical masks; safety glasses; latex and nitrile gloves and overshoes.	On 20 March 2020 the Minister of Health issued an order on the banning of export of quinine based drugs to Member States and third countries. The ban is valid until further orders. With effect from 30 April 2020 the export of drugs for treatment of socially significant diseases such as diabetes, schizophrenia and malignant diseases to EU states and third countries is banned by the Minister of Health. The export of certain products containing ethanol is also prohibited. The export ban is valid until 13 May 2020 when the state of emergency is expected to be lifted.	No actions yet.
Czech Republic	No restrictions.	No restrictions.	No restrictions.
Estonia	Regulation (EU) 2020/568 of 24 April 2020 that restricts export of personal protective equipment to destinations outside the EU, unless an export license is first obtained expired on 25 May.	State Agency of Medicines has currently prohibited export of 35 different articles of medicines. The full list is available at https://www.ravimiamet.ee/en/import-and-export-goods-require-special-authorisation-including-medicinal-products	No actions yet.
Hungary	No restrictions.	No restrictions.	No actions yet.

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Lithuania	No restrictions.	No actions yet.	No actions yet.
Poland	Yes - medical caps, surgical gowns, non-woven aprons, surgical masks, medical shoe protectors, surgical drapes, surgical clothing, surgical gloves - were added to the list of medical devices at risk of shortages and under prohibition of export from Polish territory (as updated from time to time by the Ministry of Health). List was last updated on 17.04.2020. The list usually contains around 1,000 products of all categories, depending on the current circumstances. Additionally, according to the Council of Ministers Regulation of 10.04.2020, the intended sale abroad (or shipping abroad) of protective googles, TYVEK suits, FFP2/FFP3 masks, surgical masks, boot protectors, latex and nitrile gloves to be reported to the voivod (province governor).	Yes - chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine -based medicines were added to the list of medicinal products at risk of shortages and under prohibition of export from Polish territory (as updated from time to time by the Ministry of Health). This includes also antiviral, anti-malaria, anti-fever and painkiller medicines. List was last updated on 17.04.2020. The list usually contains around 1,000 products of all categories, depending on the current circumstances.  On the same day the Ministry issued volume restrictions in terms of prescribing (hydroxy)chloroquine based drugs - Arechin and Plaquenil - per single patient over specified period of time.	Yes - injectable needles, oxygen delivery masks, decontamination mats, medical device disinfectants, blood collection devices, infusion fluid transfusion devices, disposable syringes, electronic thermometers - were added to the list of medical devices at risk of shortages under prohibition of export from Polish territory (as updated from time to time by the Ministry of Health). List was last updated on 17.04.2020. The list usually contains around 1,000 products of all categories, depending on the current circumstances.  According to the Council of Ministers Regulation of 10.04.2020 it is prohibitted to sell or ship abroad respirators (no exclusions) and cardiomonitors (with possible special waivers issued by the authorities).
Romania	Distribution (deliveries&export) outside the Romanian territory is temporarily suspended (with certain exceptions) for a period of 6 months (as of 23 April 2020), for PPE such as: surgical mask (for medical staff&pacients), protective eyewear, examination&surgical gloves (sterile&non-sterile), medical clothing (jackets&trousers), apron with increased resistance, visors.	Distribution (deliveries&export) outside the Romanian territory of medicines included in the Protocol for the treatment of SARS-Cov-2 virus infection, as well as, medicines with an increased risk of discontinuity for chronic pathologies is temporarily suspended for a period of 6 months (as of 23 April 2020), with certain exceptions (e.g. medicines manufactured by the producers based in Romania, including those manufactured under a contract, as well as the medicines that transit the territory of Romania and which are destined for other markets outside the territory of Romania).	Distribution (deliveries&export) outside the Romanian territory is temporarily suspended (with certain exceptions) for a period of 6 months (as of 23 April 2020), for MDs such as: oxygen masks, ventilation balloon, tests for the diagnosis of SARS-CoV-2 infection, Virus/bacteria transport environments, oxygen concentrator, pulse oximeter, oxygen distributor, humidifier without heating, Thorpe tube flowmeters, nasal cannulas, catheters, secretion aspirator, infusion kit.
Slovakia	Regulation (EU) 2020/568 of 24 April 2020 that restricts export of personal protective equipment to destinations outside the EU, unless an export license is first obtained expired on 25 May.	Effective as of 7 April 2020, it is prohibited to export registered OTC medicines for human use, which contain paracetamol, ibuprofen and acetylsalicylic acid. It is further prohibited to export non-registered medicines, therapeutic use of which was permitted by the Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic containing ATC Jo5 antivirotic for systematic use, hydroxichlorochinon or chlorochinon. The ban does not apply to holders of a manufacturing authorisation if they manufacture medicines for other country.	No actions with effect from 7 April 2020.

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