

Title: COVID-19 Temporary Trade Measures – **United Kingdom**

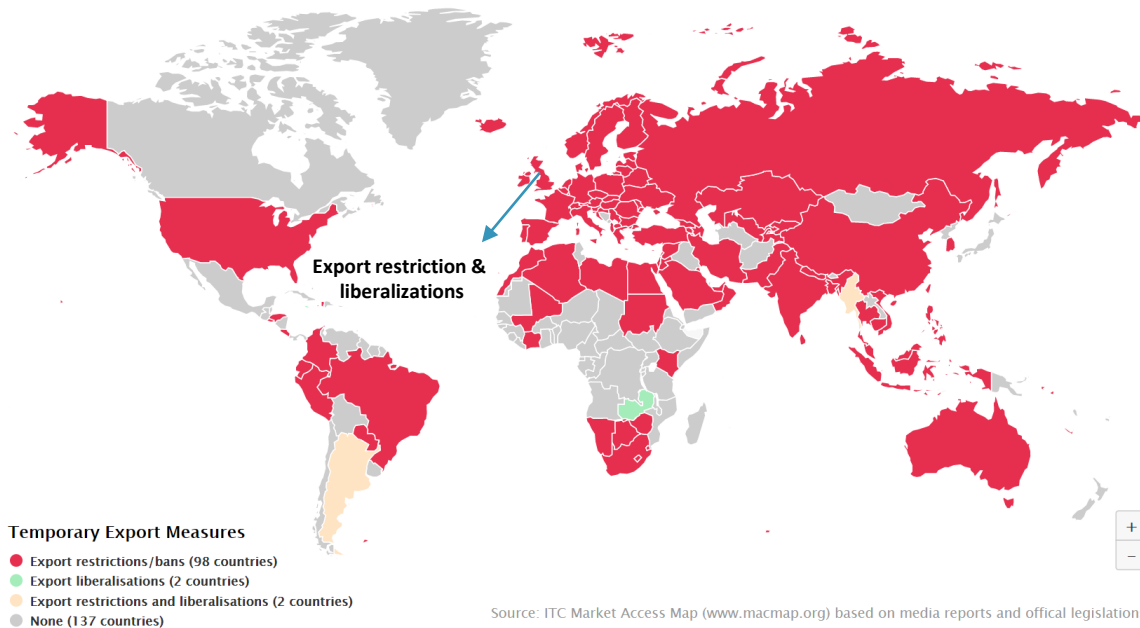
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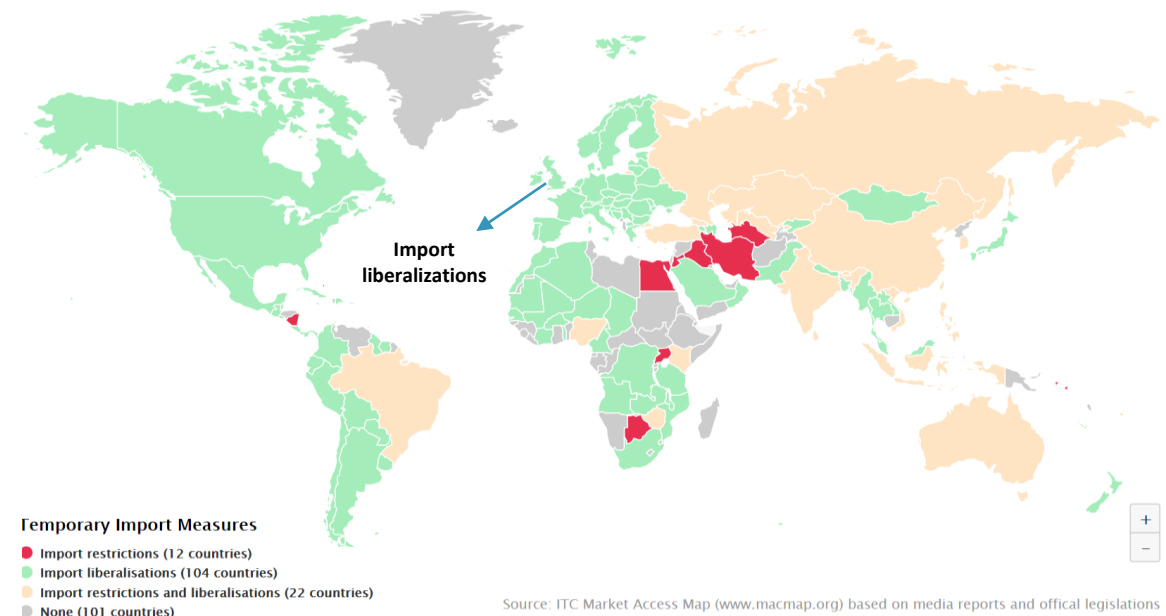
This bulletin shows temporary trade measures enacted by government authorities in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic, which is rapidly spreading across the world. Governments are swiftly enacting temporary trade measures that aim to restrict exports and to liberalize imports of commodities.

This bulletin focuses on many products, like medical devices, protective equipment, pharmaceutical products, food products and other products.

Export measures



Import measures



Source: ITC (latest update on 13 August 2021)

Export Measures

Type Of Measure	Affected Products	Measure	Effect On Trade	Affected Partners	Status Of Measure	Start Date	End Date
Export prohibition	medicines, drugs	Exports of more than 80 vital drugs have been banned by ministers to prevent NHS shortages of medicines needed to treat coronavirus.	Restrictive	All countries	Active	2020/03/19	Unknown
Licensing or permit requirements to export	protective spectacles, gloves and garments, face shields, mouth-nose protection equipment,	Temporarily a licence is needed to export PPE outside the EU, EFTA member states and certain other territories.	Restrictive	Non-EEA countries	Active	2020/04/02	Unknown

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Import Measures

Type Of Measure	Affected Products	Measure	Effect On Trade	Affected Partners	Status Of Measure	Start Date	End Date
Tariff reduction	COVID-19 vaccines.	United Kingdom temporary eliminates import duties and VAT imposed on imports of COVID-19 vaccines.	Restrictive	All countries	Active	2020/11/24	Unknown
Tariff reduction	certain medical itmes	Temporary elimination of import tariffs on certain medical items which are critical in the response to COVID-19.	Liberalising	All countries	Active	2021/01/01	2021/12/31

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