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Announcement:

In order to better regulate the order of imports and exports, strengthen the management of import and export of samples and advertising articles, it is hereby announced as follows,

1. The 'import and export samples' as termed in these provisions refer to those sample goods which are imported or exported, and designated for placing orders; 'advertising articles' refer to articles for the purpose of promoting those related goods.
2. Imported or exported samples and advertising goods, regardless of value, must be declared to the Customs Authorities by the receiving and dispatching parties or their agents. Customs will examine and release the goods according to these Provisions.
3. Imported and exported samples and advertising articles, which fall into the category of forbidden or restricted commodities by the State to be imported or exported, or those requiring import or export licenses, should be declared and processed according to the relevant laws and regulations of the State.
4. Imported and exported samples and advertising articles without commercial values will be exempted from customs duties and import taxes levied by Customs Authorities. Other kinds of imported and exported samples and advertising articles should be levied customs duties and taxes according to regulations.
5. The announcement comes into effect on July 1, 2010. The Measures of the Customs of the People's Republic of China on Supervising Import and Export Samples and Advertising Articles " (No. 496 of the General Administration of Customs, [86]), Notice on Amending Article 7 of < The Measures of the Customs on Supervising Import and Export Samples and Advertising Articles > (No. 698 of the General Administration of Customs, [1990]) will cease effect simultaneously.

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