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**Report Name:** Dubai Cuts Import Custom Duties by 20 percent for the next three months

**Country:** United Arab Emirates

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**Report Highlights:**

For the next three months, custom duties for imports into Dubai will be reduced by 20 percent for all imported goods sold on the local UAE market. This will bring the customs tariff rate to 4 percent instead of 5 percent on food commodities. The decision is part of the stimulus package developed by the Government of Dubai to help commercial businesses overcome the impact of Covid-19 and keep the flow of imports.

**Report Summary:**

For the next three months, importers in Dubai will get a 20 percent reduction of the 5 percent customs tariff paid for all imported goods sold in the local market in United Arab Emirates (UAE). This will bring the customs tariff to four percent instead of five percent on all food commodities. The decision is part of a \$408 million stimulus package announced on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020, by the Government of Dubai in UAE to help businesses during current economic situation with the spread of the Covid-19 virus. After three months, the government will review the situation and may provide more incentives as needed.

In 2019, the United States total exports to the UAE of agricultural and agricultural related products valued \$1.3 billion. Tree nuts, food preparations, hay, beef, dairy products and poultry meat were the top U.S. exports to UAE. The UAE still maintains five percent import tariffs on all agricultural and food products.

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.