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Repeal of the export control on goods essential to controlling and preventing the spread of COVID-19

From 11 December 2020, regulation 13GI and regulation 13GJ of the *Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations 1958* (the Regulations) are repealed. These regulations imposed a temporary prohibition on the export of specified goods that contribute to controlling and preventing the spread of COVID-19, including personal protective equipment and disinfectants.

The Government introduced regulation 13GI and regulation 13GJ on 30 March 2020 to deter profiteering and exploitative exports of goods essential for combatting COVID-19, while preserving legitimate commercial and humanitarian trade in these goods. These measures were part of the Government's initial response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Government has reviewed the temporary export control and has determined that the control has fulfilled its purpose of preventing the diversion of essential goods and profiteering and is no longer necessary. The Government has therefore decided to remove the temporary export control to support Australia's economic recovery. This repeal reflects the changed circumstances that many Australian companies have recalibrated their operations to produce personal protective equipment for the domestic and export markets. The repeal will assist Australia's international reputation as a reliable regional and global partner.

Further information

For information regarding these changes, please consult the relevant legislation, including the explanatory statement, at <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/F1996B03403>.

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