Cuba extends duty-free imports until September 30



Customs relief for private individuals will remain in effect until at least September 30 (source: D-Cuba)

Cuba has <u>extended</u> the duty-free private importation of food, hygiene products, medicines, and medical supplies until September 30, 2025. The measure would otherwise have expired on April 30. The corresponding law was published <u>last Friday in the official gazette</u>.

The limits remain unchanged at 50 kilograms or a value of US\$500. For non-commercial postal items containing food, hygiene products, medicines, and medical devices, the first 20 kilograms with a value of up to US\$200 are duty-free. For all other shipments, the first US\$30 up to 3 kilograms are duty-free, with a customs tariff of 30 percent applying above that amount.

The measure was originally introduced in July 2021 and has been extended repeatedly since then. "The circumstances that led to this measure continue to exist," the Ministry of Finance said in explaining the move, citing the ongoing energy crisis, among other things.

"To qualify for these concessions, items classified as food or toiletries, as well as medicines and medical supplies, must be imported as part of the passenger's luggage, and shipments must be presented to customs in packaging that is separate from other products," according to a <u>statement from the ministry</u>.(<u>Cubaheute</u>)