

Government of Kerala
Department of NORKA

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Sub: Duty-free exemptions for items/equipment imported to India – for Covid management

Government of India vide its Adhoc Exemption Order No 4/2021 – Customs Dated 3-5-2021, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India has allowed DUTY-FREE imports of certain items for use in the management of COVID-19. The list includes Remdesivir Active Pharmaceutical ingredients, Inj. Remdesivir, Oxygen concentrators including flow meter, regulator, connectors, Medical Oxygen, VPSA, and PSA Oxygen plants and Air Separation Units (ASU), Oxygen canister, storage tanks, etc. (details as in the notification)

In this context, the Government of Kerala has been receiving a large number of inquiries from Non-Resident Keralites (NRK). In order to streamline the enquiries and intended offers and to facilitate imports of these items as quickly as possible, a 'special cell' is constituted under the chairmanship of Dr K Ellangovan, Principal Secretary (Industries & Norka). The other members of the cell are Dr. S Karthikeyan IAS, Special Commissioner, State GST, Shri. V R Krishna Teja Mylavarapu IAS, Managing Director, Kerala Tourism Development Corporation, Mrs. V Vigneswari IAS, Director, Collegiate Education, and Shri Harikrishnan Nampoodri, CEO, Norka Roots.

All enquiries of the offer may be made to

covidreliefkerala@gmail.com – Mobile No. [8330011259](tel:8330011259)

All imports may be addressed to Managing Director, Kerala State Medical Corporation, Thycaud PO, Thiruvanthapuram. A Standard Operating Procedure for the import of materials into Kerala by NRKs is enclosed for ready reference.

Regards
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Government of Kerala.