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**Subject** : Ratification of commercial invoices for imported merchandise to Lebanon  
**Reference** : Decree No. 5497 dated 23/08/2019 (imposing some procedures for protection of some national products)

Article 4 of the Decree mentioned above in the above reference stipulates not to authorize the admission of imported merchandise from any country whatsoever unless it is annexed to the customs file a duly ratified copy of the invoice submitted to the Customs Administration in the Country of origin.

Therefore, it is requested from all competent customs units not to authorize granting customs formalities pertaining to imported merchandise to Lebanon, its legal course if a copy of the invoice submitted to the customs administration is not duly ratified from the country of origin, and that this invoice is compared with ratification from the customs authorities there in addition to the ratification of diplomatic or consular missions, if the country issuing the invoice has a diplomatic mission of Lebanon.

It is exempted from the above mentioned procedure all products confirming from their bills of lading that they were shipped to Lebanon before the date of publishing the Decree in the Official Gazette dated 26/09/2019 and only documents confirming that the merchandise were loaded on the top of the shipping means of transportation.

**Director General of Customs**

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*I, Joyce Hani DAOU, Sworn translator hereby confirm that the translation hereto attached is a true and exact rendering in English of the original document.*

