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The Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, Protocol Directorate, presents its compliments to the diplomatic missions, consular posts and international organisations established in Belgium and has the honor to inform them of the following in collaboration with the FPS Finance.

In the framework of the security measures taken because of the current exceptional circumstances (COVID-19):

- **The offices of the FPS Finance** will no longer be accessible to the public as of Thursday, 19/03/2020.
- **The DIV** (Department for the Registration of Vehicles) is closed.
- The reception desk of **the Protocol Directorate** will be open only on Fridays between 9 AM and noon.

With regard to the requests for exemption for **products under quota** (spirits, wine, fuel and cigarettes), these will be submitted as usual through a duly filled-out 136F form **and submitted exclusively to the usual companies**.

With regard to the requests for exemption for products **coming from third countries**, the **pre-validation** usually performed by the teams from the FPS Finance **is suspended**. The validation of the 136F form will happen **exclusively** at the competent **customs and excise branch office**.

Furthermore, all requests for registration under CD plates introduced by the diplomatic missions, consular posts and international organisations, as well as their staff members, are temporarily put on hold.

All questions with regard to exemptions should be posed to the FPS Finance, **exclusively by mail**, at the following address: da.operations.diplomat@minfin.fed.be

The above-mentioned measures are applicable until further notice.

The Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, Protocol Directorate avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the diplomatic and consular missions, as well as the international organisations established in Belgium the assurance of its highest consideration.

To the diplomatic missions, consular posts and international organisations established in Belgium