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The European Commission is set to narrow its export authorization scheme to protective masks only, it <u>said</u> today, while also widening country-specific exemptions.

The EU last month adopted bloc-wide <u>export restrictions</u> for some personal protective equipment with the aim of stopping EU capitals from imposing national export bans. But the restrictions raised concerns <u>among Western Balkan countries</u>, which said it made it more difficult to buy gear.

With the current rules set to expire April 25, the Commission today said it will implement a new regulation that applies only for protective masks, stating "that this is the only remaining category, where an export authorisation is necessary in order to secure an adequate supply to protect the health of Europeans."

Western Balkan countries will be exempted from the new scheme, as well as Gibraltar and territories of EU countries excluded from the EU customs union.

The new scheme also requires EU countries to authorize exports of emergency mask supplies in the context of humanitarian aid.

The new regulation will apply for 30 days from April 26. "In line with the EU's global commitments in tackling the coronavirus pandemic, the scheme in the draft regulation is temporary, targeted, proportionate and transparent," the Commission statement read.

The new measures will be discussed by EU trade ministers at a <u>virtual meeting on Thursday</u>, several EU diplomats told POLITICO. It has already been discussed with EU diplomats to address concerns that several of them had raised, said one diplomat. "We expect a large consensus over the measure."

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