



March 27, 2020



MEMBER ALERT

Hi @@first_name@@,

Many importers were disappointed by CBP's change in policy on duty deferral through the CSMS message on [Additional Guidance for Entry Summary Payments Impacted by COVID-19](#), AAEI continues to press the issue through the political process:

- If your company has a large duty payment due and you are concerned about the ability to make payments, please let me know by sending an e-mail to me at mrowden@aaei.org.
- Senators have issued letters to the Administration seeking deferral of all duties for 90 days through the [Feinstein Letter](#) and the [Grassley Letter](#). Therefore, we ask members to continue our political engagement by contacting Congress through the [Phone2Action alert](#) set up by Americans for Free Trade.

Another frustration we have heard from AAEI members is how to provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), particularly if your company is not registered with the FDA to import PPE products. Here are some interim updates:

- AAEI has contacted CBP about the issue and we will participate in a teleconference with FDA CDRH to discuss the importation of PPE and Emergency Use authorizations. We will provide an update in another Member Alert.
- AAEI has also received further guidance from the White House as follows:
 - If you or your organization is interested in helping the effort to combat the spread of COVID-19, FEMA has established a website (www.fema.gov/coronavirus/how-to-help) with more information.
 - To sell medical supplies or equipment to the federal government, please email specifics to covidsupplies@fema.dhs.gov.
 - If you have medical supplies or equipment to donate, please [provide us details](#) on what you are offering.
 - If you are a private company that wants to produce a product related to the COVID response – email nbeoc@max.gov.
 - For non-medical supplies, services or equipment, if you are interested in doing business with FEMA, visit our [Industry Liaison Program](#).
 - For additional information please visit FEMA's website: <https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus/>.

For exporters who need assistance to facilitate the sale of goods or services overseas, the Export-Import Bank has [announced](#) measures to provide maximum financing flexibility.

The Small Business Administration has contacted AAEI to distribute [information](#) about [disaster assistance for small businesses](#) as a result of COVID-19.

Finally, we are completing Week 2 of [AAEI's COVID-19 survey](#) and will develop another [infographic](#) to show trend lines, so please make sure that you participate in the survey.

Please send us any issues of concern that are impacting your company as a result of COVID-19.

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