



March 16, 2020



MEMBER ALERT

Hi @@first_name@@,

AAEI will provide members with updates on COVID-19 as frequently as we receive information from the U.S. government.

Today, the President issued [Coronavirus Guidelines for America - 15 Days to Slow the Spread](#).

AAEI is participating in the White House's COVID-19 Update teleconferences. Of particular importance to the trade community:

- Travel restrictions on flights from the United Kingdom and Ireland take effect **12:00 midnight** tonight.
- Air passengers returning to the United States will be processed through 13 designated airports where CBP Officers will check passports and do medical screenings or assisted by local medical personnel.

- FMCSA has issued a [national emergency declaration](#) waiving the hours-of-service regulations to enable the .drivers delivery critical supplies, food, emergency services, etc.
- ExIm Bank is providing relief to U.S. exporters and financial institutions for 30 days in the form of waivers, extensions and streamlined processes. Here is the [press release](#) and [fact sheet](#).
- Note there is no national shutdown or road closures.

Also, today I participated in my first [podcast](#) with Michael Ford of BDP International reviewing everything we know currently about the Presidential Proclamations and the impact of COVID-19 on trade operations and global supply chains. I encourage you to listen to it and let me know what questions you want me to pose to CBP.

If you have not already done so, please participate in the [AAEI COVID-19 Survey](#) so we can provide feedback to CBP as support to request regulatory relief. Remember, we will ask you to take the survey each week to track trajectory of issues.

For more sources of information about COVID-19, check on these sites:

- DHS [COVID-19 webpage](#)
- CBP [Cargo Systems Messaging Service](#) for updates
- CDC COVID-19 [website](#)
- Johns Hopkins COVID-19 [heat map](#)
- WHO COVID-19 [webpage](#)

Please send me an e-mail concerning any trade operations issues that you are experiencing.

Finally, please note that AAEI follows the federal government's operational status, which is currently "open with maximum telecommute flexibility." Therefore, AAEI will be open with staff working remotely until the federal government changes its status.

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