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## MEMBER ALERT

Hi @@first\_name@@,

The rules and restrictions from the COVID-19 crisis seem to change by the day, locally and globally. AAEI is making it easier for you to stay engaged and informed. Here's how:

### Breaking News

AAEI sends out **Member Alerts** whenever we receive updates from the White House, CBP, PGAs and other sources. Here is what we learned today:

**President of the United States:** Despite the rumors and news reports, the President responded to a reporter's questions at tonight's press briefing on COVID-19 that he has **NOT** approved the deferral of customs duties. (Earlier today, there were press reports that the President approved the deferral of MFN duties, not special 301 duties.)

**White House:** If you or your organization are interested in helping the effort to combat the spread of COVID-19, FEMA has established a website ([www.fema.gov/coronavirus/how-to-help](http://www.fema.gov/coronavirus/how-to-help)) with more information. Examples for the private sector include:

- To sell medical supplies or equipment to the federal government, please submit a price quote under the [COVID-19 PPE and Medical Supplies Request for Quotation](#).
- Full details can be found in the solicitation ([Notice ID 70FA2020R0000011](#)).
- This solicitation requires registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) in order to be considered for award, pursuant to applicable regulations and

guidelines. Registration information can be found at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov). Registration must be "ACTIVE" at the time of award.

- 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](mailto:nbeoc@max.gov).
- If you are a hospital or healthcare provider in need of medical supplies, please contact your state, local, tribal or territory department of public health and/or emergency management agency.
- If you are interested in doing business with FEMA and supporting the response to COVID- 19 with your company's non-medical goods and/or services, please submit your inquiry to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Procurement Action Innovative Response Team (PAIR) team at [DHSIndustryLiaison@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:DHSIndustryLiaison@hq.dhs.gov).

For additional information please visit FEMA's website: <https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus/>.

**U.S. Customs and Border Protection:** the agency has reported that cargo is decreasing and is able to handle those shipments despite more CBP Officers testing positive for COVID-19. Therefore, there is no impact on the Centers for Excellence and Expertise (CEEs) in processing entries.

- CBP repeated that there are no additional screening requirements for cargo per the CDC guidance.
- Due to limits on border crossing for essential travel only, CBP may reduce hours of operation for Northern and Southern border locations that have primarily automobile and pedestrian traffic. As for CBP officer work schedules at specific ports, local officials have broad discretion.
- CBP is trying to exercise "operational flexibility" on regulatory matters. For example, CBP is trying to keep up with the tariff exclusions issued by USTR. CBP will review regulatory issues based on feasibility and impact. So we hope to have more information on precisely how CBP will accommodate importers shortly. COAC will be meeting on **April 15, 2020**, so we should have a pretty good idea of what actions CBP is prepared to take.

CBP has posted the latest information on its website at [COVID-19 Updates and Announcements](#), which includes CSMS Messages Related to COVID-19.

#### AAEI Member Center

Updates and coronavirus-related updates are posted in the My Feed section of the [AAEI Member Center](#). Look for the My Feed link in the navigation banner once you've logged in.

#### AAEI Website

AAEI is posting updates and the COVID-19 Survey results in the News section of the main [AAEI website](#). Look for the link in the News block on the homepage.

#### AAEI Committees

AAEI committee co-chairs are discussing how the global pandemic is affecting the many subject areas of trade. Upcoming committee meetings include International Policy, Trade Policy and Drawback.

Most importantly, AAEI has developed a [Global Shipping Overview](#), which is a document that is a compilation of information from AAEI and its international trade association partners on the national supply chain and trade operation restrictions as a result of COVID-19. The document is posted to the International Policy Committee [document folder](#).

### AAEI ALERT

The ALERT is a daily (or Monday summary) news publication containing valuable association and international trade news.

Comprised of many policy influencers, AAEI uses the ALERT to communicate the key actions and events, in addition to relevant trade news.

Additionally, AAEI members receive access to the following Checkpoint content: Customs Laws (19 USC), CBP Regulations (19 CFR), and EAR Regulations with Commerce Control List (15 CFR).

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If you are a long-standing member, you likely have a Checkpoint login. Go to <http://checkpoint.thomsonreuters.com> and use the “forgot my user name” then “forgot my password” process.

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