

NAM COVID-19 Update
April 10, 2020

The IRS has now issued guidance for the CARES Act's net operating loss (NOL) carryback provision: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-provides-guidance-under-the-cares-act-to-taxpayers-with-net-operating-losses>

The IRS also announced a new delay in tax filing deadlines—two items that the NAM called for in our “COVID-19 Policy Action Plan Recommendations”: https://www.nam.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/COVID-19-Policy-Action-Plan-Recommendations.pdf?_zs=XU3be1&_zl=o8uf6

This valuable NOL provision allows your company to use tax losses from 2018, 2019 and 2020 to offset income from the prior five years. The new tax deadline extension builds on prior IRS guidance and now allows you to delay certain estimated tax payments. Per the IRS, “any individual or corporation that has a quarterly estimated tax payment due on or after April 1, 2020, and before July 15, 2020, can wait until July 15 to make that payment, without penalty.”

A press release on the IRS action can be found at <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-extends-more-tax-deadlines-to-cover-individuals-trusts-estates-corporations-and-others>, and the guidance document can be found at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-20-23.pdf>.

Here are some other recent updates:

Updated Guidance and Exemptions for PPE Exports

U.S. Customs and Border Protection has released an updated memorandum on FEMA's [temporary final rule](#) that requires explicit approval to export five types of personal protective equipment. As the NAM requested, this memorandum includes additional exemptions to the rule, including exports by critical infrastructure industries for the protection of their workers and shipments under 10,000 units or under \$2,500 in value. Other exemptions include exports of PPE to Canada and Mexico, exports to U.S. government entities, shipments already in transit and more. This rule became effective April 7 and is in place through Aug. 10. The NAM expects further, formal guidance to be released soon.

Click here to read the updated memorandum:

http://documents.nam.org/IEA/CBP_Updated_Memorandum_Regarding_Export_PPE.pdf?_zs=XU3be1&_zl=v8uf6

Click here to see FEMA's temporary final rule: <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=FEMA-2020-0018-0001>

The NAM will continue to monitor this rule's implementation and advocate the smooth facilitation of global trade. For more information, please contact NAM Director of Trade Facilitation Policy Ali Aafedt.

We Want Your Input: Industrial PPE Needs

We have heard from many of you that industrial access to PPE is a challenge at some of the most basic levels. Due to COVID-19, product demand has increased across all sectors, especially for manufacturing. The NAM is looking for ways to better measure the anticipated demand and to increase access to supply. We believe a strong case can be made to the federal government to help support industrial access to PPE, especially for industries that support

critical infrastructure. This will be an ongoing effort, and the NAM Response Team would appreciate receiving a short summary that categorizes your PPE needs. In addition, please provide a sense of how long your supply will last and the impact to your business if you don't access new supply. And if you have done something creative to enhance your supply, we'd appreciate that information, too. NAM members are eager to learn best practices to remain open and operational during this period of uncertainty.

Please contact the Response Team with the requested information.

Recap of NAM–Manufacturing Leadership Council Call on Resiliency Strategies

A recap of Wednesday's NAM and MLC–hosted call on how you can navigate disruptions to working arrangements around the world and the ever-changing expectations of customers, employees and governments during the COVID-19 pandemic is available by signing up [here](#).

Please keep visiting the regularly updated nam.org/coronavirus site for the latest information, including state-specific resources, and email our Response Team at responseteam@nam.org with any questions or feedback.

Best,

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