

NAM COVID-19 Update
April 8, 2020

The NAM has learned that on Friday, April 10, using authority from the Defense Production Act, FEMA plans to issue a temporary final rule to require that five types of personal protective equipment only be used domestically: https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2020-07659.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pi+subscription+mailing+list&utm_source=federalregister.gov

In other words, under the rule, all exports of specified PPE will require explicit approval by FEMA.

The rule instructs that exports of such PPE will be detained by Customs and Border Protection for FEMA inspection. FEMA will determine whether to return the PPE to domestic use, issue a prioritized order for the goods or allow the shipment to move forward. The rule includes an exemption for U.S. manufacturers with contracts in place before Jan. 1, 2020, if 80% of their domestic production was distributed within the United States in the preceding 12 months. The FEMA administrator will consider additional exemptions as necessary.

We will continue to monitor this situation and provide further guidance as we receive it. For more information on this and other trade facilitation issues, contact NAM Director of Trade Facilitation Policy Ali Aafedt.

Here is something else for your radar Friday:

NAM Webinar on CARES Act and Families First Coronavirus Response Act

The NAM will be holding a webinar on Friday, April 10, at 10:30 a.m. EDT with Plante Moran and the chief counsel of the IRS to discuss tax provisions for manufacturers in the CARES Act and the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. The call will provide details about important provisions designed to provide liquidity to businesses and keep employees on payrolls during the COVID-19 crisis. Register for the call here:

<https://namissvr.nam.org/minisites/Meetings/Registration.aspx?MTG=OTH20200410&ver=CA20200408&zs=XU3be1&zl=RXaf6>

You can access information about the Paycheck Protection Program, including who qualifies and how to apply, in an NAM overview (<http://documents.nam.org/comm/LoanandTaxOverviews5.pdf?zs=R6Rih1&zl=GOpe6>), stay up to date on stay-in-place orders affecting manufacturers with our state tracker (<http://documents.nam.org/PA/State%20COVID%20Operations%20Snapshot.pdf?zs=R6Rih1&zl=wmMf6>) and access our small business resources (<https://www.nam.org/coronavirus/small-business-covid-19-resources/?zs=XU3be1&zl=UXaf6>).

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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