

NAM COVID-19 Update
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Over the past week, more than 10,000 individuals, business executives and political leaders—including the Vice President of the United States—have joined the NAM's COVID-19 response webinars. Our mission is to help you lead your business during this uncertain time and join the effort to support the nation's pandemic response—and that's what we will continue to do throughout this crisis.

Today, the House passed the CARES Act COVID-19 relief bill the Senate passed Wednesday and sent the legislation to the President. Thanks to manufacturers' advocacy, the bill will provide substantial support for manufacturers and employees. Read a summary of key provisions in the bill here: <https://www.nam.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Phase-3-Bill-Summary-3.25.2020.pdf>

And an FAQ document about the bill here: <https://www.nam.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/CARES-Act-NAM-QA-0326.pdf>

Here are some of the other recent developments:

Pushing for Essential Business Designations and Credentialing Clarity

You may recall that the NAM last week called on governors, mayors and other local leaders to give manufacturers essential business designations and credentialing. Yesterday, the NAM sent another letter, with the Business Roundtable and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce joining, that called on the nation's governors to take a uniform approach to essential business designations. We urged them to adopt the Department of Homeland Security's Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce (<https://www.cisa.gov/publication/guidance-essential-critical-infrastructure-workforce>). We are also calling for clarity and uniformity regarding documentation or credentialing for workers, businesses and their supply chains. The NAM continues to work with our state association partners to ensure you can continue supporting our nation during this critical time. View our state resources page, which includes our state tracker, here: <https://www.nam.org/covid-19-state-resources>.

EPA Issues COVID-19 Enforcement Discretion Policy

The Environmental Protection Agency announced a temporary enforcement discretion policy due to COVID-19 at the NAM's request (<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-enforcement-discretion-policy-covid-19-pandemic>). The EPA's guidance will help manufacturers navigate this evolving landscape, easing compliance uncertainties while ensuring the health and safety of employees, communities and the environment remain a top priority. Send us details of your reporting and monitoring challenges to ERP@nam.org.

NAM Helps Navigate International Trade and Supply Chain Issues

Also on the NAM priority list, we are working to address policy and operational challenges impacting trade and supply chains for critical manufacturing products. The NAM is closely monitoring foreign export restrictions and bans on personal protective equipment, health products and other products during the COVID-19 response. We are identifying these country-specific restrictions for our members and sharing them through a tracking document (<http://documents.nam.org/IEA/Coronavirus-Export-Restrictions.pdf>) while also engaging with key stakeholders in the administration and on Capitol Hill to spur action on addressing priority trade barriers. Consistent with this, President Trump joined the leaders of other G20 countries with a joint statement pledging global cooperation and stressed the importance of minimizing disruptions to trade and global supply chains:

[https://g20.org/en/media/Documents/G20_Extraordinary%20G20%20Leaders%E2%80%99%20Summit_Statement_EN%20\(3\).pdf](https://g20.org/en/media/Documents/G20_Extraordinary%20G20%20Leaders%E2%80%99%20Summit_Statement_EN%20(3).pdf).

Contact the NAM's Trade and Supply Chain team if you have questions about export restrictions or intelligence on new or potential export restrictions being imposed by foreign governments.

Finally, we know many of our members are frustrated about not hearing back from FEMA regarding offers to provide emergency supplies. We share your frustration, and we understand that FEMA is in the process of making those contacts.

In addition, as I shared yesterday, we are working furiously to deploy a detailed third survey for manufacturers to indicate the specific ways they can continue supporting the relief effort.

As always, visit nam.org/coronavirus for the latest information, including state-specific resources, on ensuring the health of your employees, the NAM's policy leadership and more.

Email our Response Team at responseteam@nam.org with any questions or feedback—or to share how your company is mobilizing, like this story from Baltimore's Marlin Steel: <https://www.nam.org/manufacturer-racks-up-new-product-in-covid-19-response-7574>.

Best,

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