

NAM COVID-19 Update
April 20, 2020

Congress and the White House say they are close to reaching an agreement to allocate roughly \$300 billion more to the Paycheck Protection Program. Your NAM's focus is on ensuring all eligible manufacturers have access to the PPP funds they need. You can [share this tool](#) with your employees for them to contact their members of Congress, building on the 10,000 NAM-driven messages already sent. You can also record a video calling for action, as many manufacturing leaders [have already done](#). Contact our [advocacy team](#) for assistance as we fight to get this deal completed.

Manufacturers Lead Charge Pressing for Essential Business Certainty in Mexico

The NAM [has led](#) the business community in pressing Mexico to adopt rules for essential businesses consistent with those in the United States, and we are now coordinating a broader effort by manufacturing leaders to call on Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador to take urgent action. Join us by adding your name to [this letter](#) by April 21 at 9:00 a.m. EDT, if you have not done so already.

In addition, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency issued [updated guidance](#) on critical infrastructure sectors in the United States. [Click here](#) for a Spanish language version of the guidance. Contact NAM Senior Director of International Economic Affairs [Ken Monahan](#) with questions regarding efforts in Mexico and globally. For domestic questions, contact NAM Vice President of Energy and Resources Policy [Rachel Jones](#).

Temporary Final Rule on Tariff Deferral

The Trump administration has issued an [executive order](#) authorizing the extension of deadlines to pay certain tariffs, taxes and fees for importers experiencing significant financial hardship from COVID-19. Using this authority, Customs and Border Protection and the Treasury Department filed a [temporary final rule](#), which will postpone for 90 calendar days from the original due date the deadline for certain payments on merchandise imported during March and April. This tariff deferral does not include products subject to AD/CVD or Section 232, 201 and 301 tariffs or entries that have already been filed. Contact NAM Director of Trade Facilitation Policy [Ali Aafedt](#) with questions.

NAM Provides Input to Federal Reserve on Liquidity Facilities

The NAM is working to ensure all manufacturers can access the liquidity you need, so we have provided Federal Reserve Chairman Jay Powell with detailed recommendations to ensure, among other actions, that the new Main Street Lending Program is implemented as effectively as possible. The program, which will facilitate loans for businesses with up to 10,000 employees or \$2.5 billion in annual revenues, is expected to be up and running in the coming weeks. Click [here](#) to read more about this and other improvements the NAM is recommending for the Federal Reserve's other liquidity facilities to allow manufacturers of all sizes to access capital.

NAM-MLC Webinar on Preparing for a Return of the Workforce

The NAM and the Manufacturing Leadership Council will host a webinar on best practices for preparing operations for a return to work, as well as what manufacturers can do to ensure employees are confident that facilities are safe and ready for business. Sign up for the call, which will take place Wednesday, April 22, at 1:00 p.m. EDT, [here](#).

Recap of NAM-MI Webinar on Improving Employee Morale During COVID-19

A recording of Friday's webinar on the importance of mental and financial wellness to your employees' performance and on employee communication best practices during this time is available [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,

Jay

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