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1. A state of emergency has been declared for NB but our industry remains open as an essential service. This includes mechanics shop, parts suppliers. (see attached)
2. The province of NB and PEI are extending all expired licenses and vehicle registration to May 31st.
3. Public safety in NB is also taking diligent measures to ensure the safety of their officers and our drivers. Therefore electronic visual of paperwork or satellites will be considered as acceptable in terms of having proper documentation.
4. The border continues to be open for the trucking industry for all drivers including Temporary foreign workers. as we are part of an essential service.
5. Keeping Canada and America's trucking industry moving during this ongoing battle against the spread of COVID-19 means that commercial truck rest areas must remain open and accessible to North American truck drivers at the front lines of keeping both economies functioning. The Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) and the American Trucking Association (ATA) are imploring all levels of government to keep public rest areas open during declarations of emergency.
6. CTA is working with CBSA and CBP on developing a best practices/tip sheet for cross-border truck drivers in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis. CTA is looking for specific feedback from members on what tips or recommendations they are using or telling drivers to employ to ensure that interactions between drivers and border officers remain safe at the border. We would also like to hear what border

officials have been telling your drivers regarding these practices. This could include hygiene related practices (the use of sanitizers or wipes), social distancing practices, handling of paperwork, or other measures.

CTA would also like feedback on what operational measures are being employed by carriers to ensure the movement of trucks across the border remains as safe/efficient as possible. For example, we have heard from some fleets that a best practice during these times is ensuring their cross-border truck drivers have their passport with them when crossing the border. Due to the heightened scrutiny truck drivers will be facing, and sensitivities at the border regarding COVID-19, the best way to ensure border officers can confirm your recent travel history from a “hot spot” country, is through your passport history. Having a passport will help expedite release/admissibility at the border. Flagging Issues with freight that may be problematic at the border would be helpful as well.

7. The Port of Halifax is open for business and are working diligently with our partners to sustain the ongoing movement of trade through our international gateway. The Government of Canada has stated that the ongoing movement of trade is essential to Canada, to enable our nation to get through this pandemic and recover as quickly as possible.

The Port of Halifax provides consistent reliable and efficient service. As of today, amid the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been no container vessel diversion, no container vessel arrival/departure berth congestion and no reported labour shortage at terminals, pilots, tugs, marine traffic control and rail.

8. GREAT article - the trucking industry keeps the economy moving. ([read CTA editorial](#))
9. As part of preventative measures in regards to COVID-19, Strait Crossing Bridge Limited will temporarily stop accepting cash for payment at the toll plaza **effective at midnight on Friday, March 20, 2020 and until further notice**. The Confederation Bridge accepts all major credit cards, debit, Confederation Bridge gift cards (available online). For more information visit <https://confederationbridge.com>

Best regards,

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