

Subject: APTA UPDATE - COVID-19



1. ESSENTIAL SERVICE

The trucking industry continues to be considered as an essential service in today's pandemic situation for Canada and the US with no product distinction. This also includes all other services in our industry such as any truck part suppliers and mechanics shop.

2. Any FAST card that are expiring can be renewed as usual at this time.

3. I would encourage any drivers going to the US with an expired plate or license to have easy access to the letters or messages from the provinces where it states that their expired license or plates will be extended to May 31st. This is just a precautionary measure. The letters and messages were sent earlier this week but if you require it please advise.

4. The Province of NS's Vehicle Transportation Inspection is fully onboard with preventing the spread of COVID-19. When a driver is stopped by an Inspector in Nova Scotia, they will be temporarily allowed to give their documentation, driver's licence, waybills, etc. electronically by email. This will prevent the spread of COVID-19 between the driver and inspector in regards to paperwork. This information must be given on demand of the inspector.

5. Trucking HR Canada releases Cov-19 Resource Guide for Trucking and Logistics Employers. SEE ATTACHED

6. We have brought forward to the federal government the issue of expiring TFW permits in the coming weeks. We are supposed to get an answer in the next day or so on if (1) they will extend them a few months or (2) renew them through the normal process if their offices are open.

7. FMCSA has been contacted regarding Drug and Alcohol testing for drivers and if their random tests are due but suppliers offering those tests are either closed or using their facility to test for COVID-19, can they continue to go to the US. They will advise shortly if drivers are exempt for now and can continue work. Stay tuned.

8. CTA has been receiving many questions and concerns from members regarding their drivers having issues with U.S. customs officials moving shipments southbound, specifically with border officers saying their the movement of trucks, or the goods being shipped are not "essential." Many of these issues are being caused by CBP officers misinterpreting policies at the border.

Attached is a copy of CBP's definition of what is considered an essential service, which includes the movement of goods (and trucks), as being permissible (please see page 4). It may be useful to keep a copy of this document in your trucks to avoid issues crossing the border with CBP officials. As frustrating as it may be, we assume that one-off issues will likely continue to occur.

CTA will again reach out to field operations staff at CBP HQ to address these recurring issues.



TRUCK PARKING & FACILITIES IN US

There are reports where shippers/receivers closing rest rooms to drivers who are making pickups and deliveries. While there is nothing to force businesses to allow truck driver access, we encourage everyone to respect our professional truck drivers just as you would first responders – they are the ones delivering relief supplies and critical items so America can properly manage this emergency. By not treating them with the respect they deserve, it disincentivizes them from making deliveries which everyone wants to avoid.

We just received notice that Pennsylvania has **reopened all 17 service plazas** starting this morning. Restrooms and limited food items will be available inside each facility.

Best regards

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