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Good afternoon, NITL members.

Below are several updates regarding COVID-19 related actions and resources.

- The FMCSA has *extended and expanded* its [emergency declaration](#) for carriers and drivers, allowing exemptions to the current Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for drivers and carriers providing direct support in response to COVID-19. The notice extends the exemptions through May 15. Full details are [here](#).
- The FMC has [announced](#) that the innovation teams the agency has formed will begin meeting to discuss supply chain challenges to US maritime operations as a result to COVID-19. The teams will address three key questions:
 - What can the Federal Maritime Commission do to provide relief or assistance to mitigate negative impacts on the supply chain related to COVID-19.
 - What can companies involved in ocean cargo delivery do to respond to existing supply chain challenges and bottlenecks.
 - What can supply chain actors do to strengthen the overall performance of the American freight delivery system.

The FMC is seeking feedback to these questions via email as well and we encourage you to provide your input to them directly by writing to FF29@FMC.gov.

- The SBA has contacted us and asked that we share the following information regarding loans that are available to small businesses. Additionally, the US Chamber has provided [this guide](#) to small businesses seeking loans.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering **Economic Injury Disaster Loans**, low-interest, federal disaster loans for working capital to small businesses that are suffering substantial economic loss as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Applicants may apply

online at <https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/coronavirus-covid-19>. The interest rate is 3.75 percent for small businesses. The interest rate for private non-profit organizations is 2.75 percent. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may call **(800) 877-8339**. For complete details on SBA and receive additional assistance information, visit <https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources>.

- On Tuesday, FEMA [announced](#) the restriction of certain exports of Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs). [This](#) Thompson Hine bulletin explains that announcement in detail.
- The FHA has [announced](#) that it will permit states to use food trucks to provide food to commercial truck drivers at rest stops. The full notice may be read [here](#).
- Information on state activity around essential workforce and infrastructure continues to be [updated](#).

We'll continue to post updates and resources to the [NITL website](#), and we encourage you to let us know if you have needs or questions. [Karyn Booth](#), [Randy Mullett](#) and I have been pleased to assist with the questions, concerns and challenges you are experiencing. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

Warmest regards,



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