



CANADIAN TRUCKING ALLIANCE

COVID-19: Cross-Border Related Resources and Information for Trucking Companies



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TRUCKING REMAINS EXEMPT AS FEDS IMPOSE STRICTER MEASURES ON CANADIANS RETURNING FROM TRAVEL

The Government of Canada announced that Canadians returning from travel abroad will be required to follow mandatory self-isolation protocols, but the Canadian Trucking Alliance is reminding the trucking industry truck drivers remain exempt from these requirements.

TRUCKING REMAINS AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE AS CANADA-U.S. CLOSE BORDERS TO NON-ESSENTIAL TRAFFIC

CTA clarified with the Government of Canada that all classes of truck drivers – including Canadian citizens, permanent residents, and temporary foreign workers (TFW) and workers on visas – continue to be exempt from the 14-day self-quarantine rule, and will be allowed to cross the border.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM CANADIAN TRUCKING ALLIANCE ON ESSENTIAL TRAVEL AS DEFINED BY THE US HOMELAND SECURITY

Effective midnight March 20, 2020 only essential traffic will be allowed to cross the Canada-US border. The US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) have issued guidance defining essential travel for carriers moving southbound.

FEDS RECOGNIZE TRUCK DRIVERS AS CRITICAL IN FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

The Canadian Trucking Alliance is commending the Federal Government's declaration that commercial truck drivers are essential workers who will be exempt from the requirement to self-isolate for at least 14 days upon entering Canada from abroad.

CTA & ATA REQUEST GOVERNMENTS KEEP PUBLIC REST AREAS OPEN DURING STATES OF EMERGENCY

Keeping Canada and America's trucking industry moving during this 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.

CANADIAN LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE ASSOCIATION STAND UP FOR TRUCKING INDUSTRY

Members of Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association (CLHIA) are confirming that group out-of-country medical coverage for commercial truckers will continue uninterrupted for the industry.

CTA, INSURERS CONFIRM INDEPENDENT OWNER-OPERATOR PLANS COVERED FOR US MEDICAL COVERAGE

The Canadian Trucking Alliance stood up for independent trucking operators by directly engaging the insurance industry to ensure the owner-operator community is covered for medical benefits while operating in the U.S.

CTA CONFIRMS RENEWAL OF FAST CARDS AND TRUSTED TRADER STATUS

CTA has been working with CBSA on the extension of FAST cards and trusted trader status during the virus outbreak. FAST card renewals can be submitted before card expiry, granting privileges for an additional 18 months. Trusted traders who remain compliant with program requirements can also have their status extended.

CTA CONFIRMS PASSPORT RENEWALS WILL CONTINUE FOR TRUCK DRIVERS

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, urgent processing will continue for truckers who urgently need their passport renewed.

INFORMATION ON RECENT LOCKDOWNS IN THE U.S. DUE TO COVID-19

CTA has received many questions regarding state lockdowns/state of emergencies which are occurring in the U.S. A list of some of the states with emergency measures in place with links to additional information are included for carriers.

IFTA STATEMENT ON ADDRESSING COVID-19 ISSUES

Representatives from the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) responded to the CTA-ATA joint letter sent last week regarding the need to delay compliance dates in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis.

BLUE WATER BRIDGE GOING CASHLESS

The Federal Bridge Corporation representing the Blue Water Bridge (BWB) will be implementing the temporary removal of cash collection processes for trucks moving northbound on March 26, and for southbound trucks starting on Saturday March 28.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- Government of Canada resources available on COVID-19 [here](#).
 - The government of Canada has released the following guideline which can be helpful in communicating the exemption for truck drivers when it comes to self-isolation as well as differentiating between the self-monitoring, self-isolation and self-quarantine for all employees: Download [here](#).
 - The Canada Border Service Agency's Border Information Service (BIS) is now accessible 24/7. For the latest and most up to date information related to cross border travel and COVID-19, please call 1-800-461-9999. More information can be found [here](#).
 - U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) resources related to COVID-19 can be found [here](#).
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