

COVID-19 Daily Commercial Update to Industry Stakeholders March 20, 2020

KEY MESSAGES

- Non-essential travel includes, but not limited to: Tourism; Recreation; shopping for non-essential goods; and/or sightseeing. All persons seeking entry into Canada for the purpose of commerce, trade, economic services and supply chains are being processed. This travel is essential and is not to be restricted.
- Bulletins will not be issued over the weekend. If there are any emergencies, stakeholders are asked to reach a contact listed below.

What We Are Looking Into

 Goods currently in Canada under a US or Foreign carnet may not be able to be re-exported from Canada prior to the expiry date of the carnet.

Key Issues

Context in which CBSA is considering issues raised. Please note that we are currently working on developing an issues tracker which will be available online in the coming days.

- RESOLVED Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the CBSA will be delaying the decommissioning of the legacy OGD service options until a date later to be determined. Clients may continue using the SWI IID or the legacy service options (OGD-PARS, OGD-RMD) to obtain release of OG regulated goods.
- RESOLVED Commercial drivers who hold a valid FAST card that is about to expire, need to reapply for their membership before it expires to maintain their membership and remain valid in our systems. The CBSA website will be updated accordingly.
- RESOLVED Trusted traders who are members in Customs Self Assessment (CSA) and Partners in Protection (PIP) who are up for re-validation will maintain their trusted status as long as they continue to be compliant with program requirements.

Contacts

If you have any follow-up questions, please send to the BCCC at BCCC-CCACF@CBSA-ASFC.GC.CA.

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