

Information Notice

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TO: Brokers, Carriers, and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Assistant Director Field Operations, Trade Detroit, Michigan 48226

SUBJECT: Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Frequently Asked Questions about PPE Exports

On April 27, 2020 additional guidance pertaining to shipments of outbound personal protective equipment (PPE) was issued via CBP Cargo Systems Messaging Service (CSMS) #42506108 - CBP Frequently Asked Questions about PPE Exports. This guidance is in response to inquiries from trade stakeholders regarding CSMS # 42439611 – CBP Processes for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Exemptions from the Temporary Final Rule (TFR) Published in the Federal Register on April 10, 2020. Please see Information Notice “FEMA Notice of Exemptions on Exportation” distributed on April 21, 2020 (#DFO-20-003), for more information regarding the FEMA TFR published on April 10, 2020.

The intent of CSMS #42506108 is to provide the trade community with answers to the most frequently asked questions about PPE documentation, how to submit a Letter of Attestation (LOA) to the Document Image System (DIS), and Automated Export System (AES) requirements.

For shipments exported to Canada, there are three (3) ways to connect a LOA to a shipment with no AES data provided:

- Voluntary filing in AES with a DIS attachment
- Provide LOA on demand by CBP. This presumes the shipment is being detained pending review
- Provide carrier with LOA to provide upon request. CBP will still be temporarily holding shipments for review but they should be resolved much faster if the driver has all required documentation

Additionally, for shipments that require an Electronic Export Information (EEI) filing, CBP recommends that carriers submit supporting documentation in AES and DIS (if required), as early as possible, to help identify and expedite the release of shipments of potentially covered materials.

More information about CSMS #42506108 - CBP Frequently Asked Questions about PPE Exports may be found by clicking on the following link:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCBP/bulletins/28899f4?reqfrom=share>

For questions about specific shipment issues contact the COVID—19 Exports Intake at <https://imports.cbp.gov/s/>. Select the Export Cargo Hold/Facilitation Assistance button.

If you have any questions in regards to this notice please email the Detroit Field Office Trade team at DFOTRADEOPERATIONS@cbp.dhs.gov.

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