

Chat Log COVID-19 Update from GCCA August 6, 2020

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:19 AM: GCCA has joined 480 organizations calling for congress to support the "SAFE TO WORK Act" which would provide liability protection from COVID-related lawsuits. Read the letter at https://www.instituteforlegalreform.com/uploads/sites/1/200730_Coalition_S_4317_SAFETOWORKAct_Congress.pdf

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:20 AM: Congressmen Graves (R-LA) and Cuellar (D-TX) have introduced the "Get America Back to Work Act" in the House that provides liability protections from claims regarding the spread or transmission of COVID-19. Read more: <https://garretgraves.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/graves-bipartisan-legislation-offers-stability-a-mid-covid-19>. GCCA has signed a letter of support for this legislation. Find it at: <https://www.gcca.org/sites/default/files/HR%207528%20%20Assn%20Support%20Letter.pdf>

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:22 AM: Senator Ernst (R-Iowa) has introduced the FRNT LINE Act that would provide tax relief to essential workers. Read more at <https://www.ernst.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases?ID=1292E4B6-2334-47CD-A9B8-5133A10BEAAF>.

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:23 AM: GCCA is one of many associations asking for Congress to support H.R. 7777 which would provide forgiveness to small businesses who borrowed funding under the Paycheck Protection Program. Read the letter of support at <https://www.gcca.org/sites/default/files/HR%207777%20Coalition%20Support%20Letter.pdf>

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:23 AM: A bipartisan bill in the Senate would create additional PPP forgiveness for small businesses. Learn more at: https://www.gcca.org/sites/default/files/Coalition%20Letter%20re%20Forgiveness%20Proposal_.pdf

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:24 AM: GCCA is also urging Congress to address the tax treatment of loan forgiveness under the PPP. We joined more than 170 organizations in signing this letter of support: <https://www.gcca.org/sites/default/files/MainStreetLoanForgivenessAug32020.pdf>

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:25 AM: On August 4th, the Small Business Administration and the Treasury Department released additional guidance on the PPP through a series of FAQs: <https://www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/2020-08/PPP%20Loan%20Forgiveness%20FAQs%208-4-20.pdf>

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:26 AM: The IRS has issued new guidance on recapturing excess employment tax credits as a result of COVID relief bills. Learn more at <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-provides-guidance-on-recapturing-excess-employment-tax-credits>.

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:27 AM: The FDA has recently issued an FAQ that addresses COVID-19 related considerations for US exporters of FDA-regulated food products. The FAQ is available at <https://www.fda.gov/food/food-safety-during-emergencies/food-safety-and-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19#import/export>

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:29 AM: The state of Virginia has become the first state to adopt enforceable workplace safety regulations related to COVID-19. Read more: <https://www.doli.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/COVID-19-Emergency-Temporary-Standard-FO-R-PUBLIC-DISTRIBUTION-FINAL-7.17.2020.pdf>

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:30 AM: Virginia has published several resources to help businesses comply with the new COVID 19 standard. They can be found here: <https://www.doli.virginia.gov/covid-19-outreach-education-and-training/>

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:36 AM: Catch our Policy Forum recap at <https://www.gcca.org/events/2020-cold-chain-policy-forum-recordings-and-slides>

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:37 AM: GCCA has conducted a study on the impact of COVID-19 on the cold chain. Find key highlights from our COVID impact study at <https://www.gcca.org/about/press/key-findings-gcca%E2%80%99s-2020-covid-19-cold-chain-business-impact-survey-show-changes-ahead>

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:37 AM: GCCA has aggregated several guidance documents on reopening business and sourcing PPE in a new document called our "COVID-19 Recovery Guide." Find Version 2 online at <https://www.gcca.org/resources/responding-coronavirus>

Version 10 of our "Rapid Response Guide" can be found at <https://www.gcca.org/resources/responding-coronavirus>

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:39 AM: The National Governors Association is tracking state-level response to the pandemic. Find the latest at <https://www.nga.org/coronavirus/#states>

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:41 AM: Learn more about the Cold Chain Essentials learning series at <https://www.gcca.org/virtual-events>