GCCA Update on COVID-19

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We will hold questions until the end of the webinar and will answer as many questions as time permits.

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Agenda

• Regulatory and Governmental Updates
• GCCA Recovery Guide and Resources
• Upcoming Events
• Q&A
Next COVID Relief Package

• Congress currently away for July 4th recess
• Senate expected to act upon return with goal of completion by August break
• McConnell recently stated priorities: “liability reform, kids in school, jobs and health care”
• Key issues being debated:
  • Liability protection
  • Support for essential workers
  • Unemployment/back to work payments
  • Other stimulus measures (checks, tax credits, etc…)
Paycheck Protection Program Extension

• Signed into law on Saturday, July 4th
• Extends the deadline for businesses to apply for PPP loans to August 8th
• Approximately $130 billion still available
S. 4117 - Paycheck Protection Program Small Business Forgiveness Act

• Bipartisan bill introduced in Senate
• Forgive PPP loans of less than $150,000 upon the borrower’s completion of a simple, one-page forgiveness document.
• PPP loans of $150,000 and under account for 85 percent of total PPP recipients, but less than 26 percent of PPP loan dollars.
• Expediting the loan forgiveness process for many of these hard-hit businesses will save more than $7 billion dollars and hours of paperwork.
• GCCA part of coalition supporting the effort
SBA and Treasury Announce New EZ and Revised Full Forgiveness Applications for the Paycheck Protection Program

• Released on June 17, 2020
• The EZ application requires fewer calculations and less documentation for eligible borrowers. Details regarding the applicability of these provisions are available in the instructions to the new EZ application form.
• Applies to borrowers that
  • Did not reduce the salaries or wages of their employees by more than 25%, and did not reduce the number or hours of their employees; OR
  • Experienced reductions in business activity as a result of health directives related to COVID-19, and did not reduce the salaries or wages of their employees by more than 25%; OR
  • Are self-employed and have no employees
IRS Releases Guidance on Sick/Family Leave

• Notice 2020-54 requires employers to report the amount of qualified sick and family leave wages paid to employees under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) on Form W-2.

• Employers will be required to report these amounts either on Form W-2, Box 14, or in a statement provided with the Form W-2. The guidance provides employers with optional language to use in the Form W-2 instructions for employees.
EPA Enforcement Discretion

- The Environmental Protection Agency is terminating the enforcement discretion related to COVID-19 on August 31st.
- As state and local restrictions are relaxed or lifted, so are many of the restrictions that potentially impede regulatory compliance.
- The termination date section was added to the original enforcement discretion memo as section VI. Termination.
Virginia Department of Labor and Industry to Release Coronavirus Safety Rules

• First state in the US to propose such rules for all businesses
  • Others likely to follow (Oregon, for example)
• Board met again on July 7th
• Working to finalize language
• Categorizes businesses by risk level
• Some requirements mandatory for all businesses, others added for higher levels of risk
• Requirements likely to include:
  • Infection Disease Preparedness and Response Plan
  • Training
  • Physical distancing as well as sanitation, disinfection and hand-washing procedures
COVID and Food Trade Policy

- China has instituted testing for some imported food related to potential COVID contamination
- Requiring/requesting exporters to validate their efforts on COVID
- Restricting some facilities that have had high levels of COVID infection
- USDA/FDA have made strong statement that COVID is not a food borne risk
- US and EU raised these concerns at recent WTO meeting
Tracking Reopening State-by-State

- National Governors Association (NGA)
- Interactive map tracking metrics such as:
  - Mask orders
  - Allowable gathering sizes
  - Interstate travel restrictions
  - Stay at home orders

• Follow up to GCCA COVID-19 Rapid Response Guide
• Version 2 released June 22, 2020
• Guides businesses through two stages of recovery:
  • Bringing your workforce back on-site
  • Ensuring continued safety and well-being
Bringing Your Workforce Back On-Site

• BacktoWorkSafely.org
• Cushman & Wakefield
• Dow “Return to Work Playbook”
• FMI– The Food Industry Association
• Small Business Legislative Council
Ensuring Continued Safety and Well-Being

- Hand Sanitizer
- Sourcing PPE
- Maintaining PPE
- Temperature Screening
- Food Industry Protocols
- Cleaning Supplies and Vendors
- Labor and Workforce Solutions
GCCA Resources

- WFLO Scientific Advisory Council
- GCCA Online Communities

What is the urgency of your request?
- Urgent
- Somewhat Urgent
- Not Urgent

Please describe your inquiry with as much detail as possible.

3PL Supply Chain Forum

What are your questions about COVID-19?

Catharine Perry yesterday
You might have seen the GCCA member email that went out today about what the as

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Posted yesterday
COVID-19 Business Impact Survey

- First of its kind research into the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the cold chain industry
- Full report is available on the GCCA website
CEBA COVID-19 Business Impact Survey

- Survey specifically targeted to collect information on COVID-19 impacts to the controlled environment building industry
- All answers are anonymous
- Survey responses needed by July 28th
COVID-19 Information Survey

• GCCA would like your feedback on your operations, needed COVID-19 information and your preferred information delivery format

• Survey will take 2 minutes and is anonymous
GCCA Virtual Policy Forum

- Offered free to GCCA members
- July 28-29, 2020
- Features educational sessions focused on the rules and regulations that directly impact the industry
QUESTIONS?

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