GCCA Update on COVID-19

June 11, 2020
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Agenda

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

• Consensus that there needs to be another economic relief package
• House passed its version in May
• Senate action not likely until July
• Key issues being debated:
  • Liability protection
  • Support for essential workers
  • Unemployment/back to work payments
  • Other stimulus measures
Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act

- Signed into law on June 5, 2020
- Strong bipartisan support
- Responding to concerns expressed regarding restrictive policies included in the initial program legislation.
Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act

• Expands the covered period during which businesses can make forgivable use of their loan from 8 to 24 weeks or the end of the year, whichever comes sooner

• Reduces the percentage of loan required to be used for payroll from 75% to 60% for purposes of forgiveness

• Extends the deadline by which a business can eliminate a reduction in employee headcount or compensation levels that occurred between February 15 and April 16 and thereby avoid a reduction in forgiveness to December 31, 2020

• Adds additional safe harbors for businesses that eliminated workers and have been unable to rehire
Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act

- Allows businesses that receive a PPP loan to take advantage of the provisions in the CARES Act permitting businesses to defer payment of 2020 payroll taxes
- Gives borrowers that don’t apply, or qualify, for full loan forgiveness, at least 10 months after the PPP loan program ends to begin making payments on the loan and adds additional payment deferral options in the event that the SBA has not yet refunded the lender for the loan funds
- Extends the minimum PPP loan maturity from two to five years for PPP loans, but only for those made after the enactment of the Flexibility Act, and allows borrowers and lenders to negotiate an extension of the maturity date on existing PPP loans.
Hours of Service Relief Declaration

• FMCSA has announced the extension of HOS relief during the pandemic.
• However, the Declaration modifies the qualifying activities and removes food distribution from the relief provision.
• New policy goes into effect on June 15th and runs until July 14th.
OSHA Releases Guidance on Face Coverings in the Workplace

• Provides guidance on frequently asked questions such as:

  • What are the key differences between cloth face coverings, surgical masks and respirators?

  • Are employers required to provide cloth face coverings to workers?

  • If workers wear cloth face coverings, do employers still need to ensure social distancing measures in the workplace?
• On June 9, USDA announced that across the cattle, swine, and broiler sectors, processing facilities are operating more than 95% of their average capacity compared to this time last year.
  • Beef facilities are operating at 98%
  • Pork facilities are operating at 95%
  • Poultry facilities are operating at 98%
USMEF Exporter Training Webinars

• Offered free to GCCA members
• USMEF is planning to host a series of training webinars for exporters covering a range of topics aimed at giving companies and their staff members a better understanding of the export process
• The first training will be on Friday, June 26 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern time

• Follow up to GCCA COVID-19 Rapid Response Guide (Version 10.0 released May 11, 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. *
COVID-19 Business Impact Survey

• Short survey launched on April 28th closed on May 11th
• 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
• Thank you for your participation!
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

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