

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Port of Philadelphia 200 Chestnut Street Philadelphia, PA 19106

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TO:

Customs Brokers, Terminal Operators, Vessel Agents, Airlines, Importers, Freight Forwarders, Carriers, Partner Government Agencies, and Others Concerned

SUBJECT: U.S. Customs and Border Protection Continuity of Operations and Preparedness

As part of steady-state operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) maintains numerous all-hazard emergency preparedness and Continuity of Operations contingency plans to ensure CBP maintains the ability to safeguard and protect America's borders while facilitating lawful and legitimate trade regardless of the hazard our community or country face. During this unprecedented Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, CBP within the Area Port of Philadelphia continues to analyze and assess contingency planning efforts based on the evolving information regarding COVID-19. CBP within the Area Port of Philadelphia maintains the flexibility to scale resources based on workload to ensure un-interrupted essential services for airport, seaport, trade, and agriculture operations.

As the COVID-19 situation evolves, we will continue to communicate and work with you as needed to ensure coordinated efforts regarding the successful un-interrupted completion of essential GBP services.

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