



COVID-19 Daily Commercial Update to Industry Stakeholders March 17, 2020

KEY MESSAGE

Borders remain open and issues concerning commercial operations are being addressed.

What We Are Looking Into

- Temporary measures for payments and penalties for duties and taxes, trade verifications, etc.
- Paper processing issues and electronic alternates
- Commercial temporary foreign worker (TFW) drivers being denied entry into the US and Canada

Responses to Your Questions

- The CBSA has recently issued a [Customs Notice 20-07](#) and a TCCU bulletin advising clients that SWI IID may be used for casual/non-commercial importations.
- CBSA will continue to have personnel in locations that normally receive bonds by mail and there will be no disruption to processing bonds received.
- The CBSA will continue CUSMA consultations and implementation preparation and encourages stakeholders to continue to engage the Agency with questions, concerns and to provide advice while we are working remotely. Ultimately, any decision to delay implementation will not be a CBSA decision but for our part we need to hear from industry to help ensure we are prepared to act and advise internally and to other partner departments of any concerns as they arise.

Other Sources of Information

As per yesterday's information, here is the link to [Customs Notice 20-08 - Imported Goods for Emergency Use in Response to COVID-19](#)

Contacts

If you wish to submit any concerns, please send to the BCCC at BCCC-CCACF@CBSA-ASFC.GC.CA.

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