

Exports/Imports of PPE to Mexico/Canada

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FEMA

Federal Register notice that announces FEMA's exemptions for Mexico and Canada to its April 10 temporary rule that denied exports of certain COVID-19 supplies without the explicit approval by FEMA. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/04/21/2020-08542/prioritization-and-allocation-of-certain-scarce-or-threatened-health-and-medical-resources-for>

However, FEMA will require a letter of attestation stating that the items being shipped are for use in and not for transshipment through Canada or Mexico, to be submitted to FEMA via CBP's document imaging system and placed on file with CBP, certifying to FEMA the purpose of the shipment of covered materials.

Information on the CBP Document Imaging System:

https://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/doc_img_sys_3.pdf

Effective April 23, 2020, 9:00 AM EST, the ppe-export@fema.dhs.gov mailbox will no longer be in use. If you have questions about a specific shipment, please contact CBP at covid19exports@cbp.dhs.gov. If you have general questions about the allocation order, please contact FEMA's National Business Emergency Operations Center, at NBEOC@max.gov.

Import Guidance

Due to the large number of inquiries that FDA has been receiving on importing medical products under one of the guidance documents or an Emergency Use Authorization, they have set up the following email addresses for importers, manufacturers, or brokers to get answers directly from FDA's Subject Matter Experts:

- Diagnostic tests: COVID19DX@FDA.HHS.GOV
- Ventilators: CDRH-COVID19-Ventilators@fda.hhs.gov
- Surgical Masks: CDRH-COVID19-SurgicalMasks@fda.hhs.gov
- Personal protective equipment: CDRH-COVID19-PPE@fda.hhs.gov (note that surgical masks has its own box)
- Hand sanitizers: COVID-19-Hand-Sanitizers@fda.hhs.gov