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FEMA Modifies Restricted PPE Covered Materials

Dear Valued Customer,

The FEMA [Temporary Final Rule](#) (TFR) which was published in the Federal Register on December 31, 2020 restricting the export of scarce and critical covered materials has been modified as part of its response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The expiration of the rule is June 30, 2021.

Effective immediately, the listing of covered materials which are restricted for export, unless an [applicable exemption](#) applies, are as follows:

- **Surgical N95 Respirators, that are single-use, disposable respiratory protective devices used in a healthcare setting that are worn by healthcare personnel during procedures to protect both the patient and HCP from the transfer of microorganisms, body fluids, and particulate material at an N95 filtration efficiency level per 42 CFR 84.181.**
- **PPE Nitrile Gloves, specifically those defined at 21 CFR 880.6250 (exam gloves) and 878.4460 (surgical gloves) and such nitrile gloves intended for the same purposes.**
- **Level 3 and 4 Surgical Gowns and Surgical Isolation Gowns that meet all of the requirements in ANSI/AAMI PB70 and ASTM F2407-06 and are classified by Surgical Gown Barrier Performance based on AAMI PB70**

All shipments of covered materials will be allocated for domestic use and may not be exported from the U.S. without explicit approval by FEMA. These materials intended for export may be detained by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) while FEMA reviews the shipment. A Letter of Attestation (LOA) must be submitted to CBP for review prior to export. Please refer to the Temporary Final Rule for specific details.

Additionally, FEMA is providing information for exporters with a surplus of medical supplies and equipment, please refer to the [FEMA Fact Sheet](#) for specific details.

Thank you for being our Valued Customer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your C.H. Robinson commercial representative for further information.

Sincerely,
C.H. Robinson