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Expiration of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Temporary Rule for PPE

Dear Valued Customer,

In the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic FEMA published a Temporary Final Rule ("TFR") in the Federal Register whereby they identified certain critical medical and healthcare supplies and established export restrictions for these items to ensure domestic needs were met during the pandemic.

Through the pandemic, the TFR was modified to reflect changes in the availability, and overall supply chain, of these critical medical items while considering the most relevant information about current and projected supply levels and healthcare resources. FEMA's process required a balance between potential domestic shortages, protection of the national defense interest, promotion of the domestic economy, and an acknowledgment of international and diplomatic considerations. Subsequently the TFR was modified on May 19, 2021 to remove certain medical supplies from export restriction (for example: industrial N95 respirators, personal protective equipment ("PPE") surgical masks, certain syringes, etc.) while still maintaining restrictions for other critical materials.

The TFR was slated to expire on June 30, 2021. It has been confirmed, as of July 1, 2021 the TFR has been allowed to expire.

Therefore, all previous export restrictions announced under the TFR, and subsequent revisions, are no longer in place. Currently there are no longer any FEMA export restrictions on these items identified in the TFR.

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,

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