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WE ARE CONSIDERED AN ESSENTIAL BUSINESS

As you are no doubt aware Ontario, Quebec and several Maritime Provinces have declared states of emergency and ordered all “non-essential” business to close for two weeks in Ontario and three in Quebec. Ontario has supplied a list of businesses that are exempt from this order and ASA and many of our customers are among them. The following are categories considered essential:

SUPPLY CHAINS

Businesses that supply other essential businesses or essential services with the support, supplies, systems or services, including processing, packaging, distribution, delivery and maintenance necessary to operate.

MANUFACTURING AND PRODUCTION

Businesses that extract, manufacture, process and distribute goods, products, equipment and materials, including businesses that manufacture inputs to other manufacturers (e.g. primary metal/ steel, blow molding, component manufacturers, chemicals, etc. that feed the end-product manufacturer). Businesses, facilities and services that support and facilitate the two-way movement of essential goods within integrated North American and global supply chains.

In fact, the legislation is worded such that companies involved in these critical supply chains ‘MUST’ endeavour to stay open. We have many customers that are supplying vital industries such as food processing and packaging, medical supplies, nuclear and hydro power, oil and gas and other critical industries and as such we are considered an essential business. We will do our part in these difficult times!

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