

March 23, 2020

**Regarding**  
**NOTICE OF ESSENTIAL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKFORCE**  
**from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security**

On March 19, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), a branch of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, published the “**Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers during COVID-19 Response**” ([www.cisa.gov/publication/guidance-essential-critical-infrastructure-workforce](http://www.cisa.gov/publication/guidance-essential-critical-infrastructure-workforce)).

The CISA memorandum designates that it is critical for chemical and ingredient manufacturers in the U.S. to continue operating to ensure “continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security.” This includes manufacturers, carriers, and suppliers that work to produce, warehouse, and transport ingredients. These goods are essential for the production of consumer goods such as foods, pharmaceuticals, and cleaning and sanitizing agents, which are considered highly critical during the response to COVID-19. To our knowledge, restrictions issued by states in and around the location of our sites have incorporated the CISA designation of chemical and ingredient manufactures as essential businesses that should continue to operate.

Emerald has no plans to shut down any of our operations as long as we can continue to operate them responsibly and in accordance with all applicable laws. All employees at Emerald sites performing basic operations have been instructed to comply with CDC and OSHA guidelines, and we are executing complete and rigorous protocols to minimize the risk of infection. Any non-essential personnel or anyone showing symptoms of illness will not be permitted to Emerald’s plant sites. Emerald will continue to follow all applicable laws and the guidance of relevant authorities regarding public health, and we have the same expectation for our suppliers. Suppliers are encouraged to review our Supplier Code of Conduct ([www.emeraldkalama.com/supplier-code-of-conduct/](http://www.emeraldkalama.com/supplier-code-of-conduct/)).

We look forward to your continued support as a valued supplier or service provider during this time to allow us to continue to operate and prevent disruptions to the supply chain.

Sincerely,

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