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NFI Tools for Members:

1. NFI will continue its Wednesday webinar series on 20 May with a discussion of domestic and international logistics: ocean freight, air cargo, trucking, and cold storage. The editor of the *Journal of Commerce* will join the panel. [Register for the presentation and discussion](#) among NFI members.
2. NFI continue its Friday technical webinar series on with 56 people from 40 NFI members [discussed the latest CDC and OSHA advice](#) for when you have COVID-19 confirmed positive or exposed workers in your food operations and the importance of contact tracing.

Food Safety and Technical Documents

1. [EPA Addresses Supply Chain Issues for Food-Contact Surface Sanitizer Products](#) by issuing a temporary modification to [Pesticide Registration Notice 98-10](#) to include food-contact surface sanitizer products containing the active ingredient isopropyl alcohol.

Employee and Plant Safety Technical Documents

1. None noted

Reopening the Economy and Market Reports

1. The CDC has posted one-page decision tree tools to assist various business sectors in determining necessary steps prior to reopening. Two of the relevant tools are for [restaurants and bars](#) and for [workplaces such as office settings](#).

Government Stimulus, Assistance, and Regulatory Relief Programs

1. NFI has arranged a [webinar with the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service](#) to help NFI members: 1) learn more about becoming an AMS approved vendor; 2) understand how bids can be made on specific AMS proposed purchases; 3) and how USDA decides to add additional species to the Section 32 program. Given the USDA announcement of upcoming [purchases of seafood](#) (\$20 MM of Alaskan pollock, \$20 MM for haddock, Atlantic pollock (saithe),

and redfish, and \$30 MM for catfish) this webinar may help NFI members learn how to best engage with USDA.

2. The Small Business Administration (SBA), in consultation with the Department of the Treasury, released the Paycheck Protection Program ([PPP](#)) [Loan Forgiveness Application](#) and detailed instructions for the application.
3. The SBA has again <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Paycheck-Protection-Program-Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf> in full and be deemed by the SBA to have "made the [borrower] certification in good faith." The new safe harbor deadline is Monday, May 18, 2020.

Media and Other Reports:

1. This story from KPBS, public radio in San Diego, looks at that city's working waterfront and the effects of COVID19. In it, NFI helps examines the needs of the middle of the supply chain, as processors and distributors struggle along with boat operators: [San Diego Seafood Industry Flounders Under Coronavirus, But Fishing Community Finding Ways To Stay Afloat](#)

Developing Administration and State Actions and Legislative Activity

1. None noted

Federal and State Government Reports

1. Depart of Homeland Security Daily [Critical Infrastructure Situation Report 15 May 2020](#)
2. Miller Strategies, an NFI consultant, provides a [daily summary of White House, Congressional, and political updates](#).

Other Governments Actions

1. G20 trade ministers yesterday [issued a statement on trade and investment](#) actions they support during the pandemic.

Previously Reported Government or Industry Actions NFI will store all previous links in the [NFI COVID Resource Center](#).

[NFI offers an antitrust reminder](#) not because of specific seafood industry actions that raise antitrust concerns, but instead simply to highlight DOJ's emphasis on this area of enforcement, and as a reminder that these laws apply during a difficult time for all member companies.

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