

To: Local, State or Federal Authorities

From: The Tire Industry Association

RE: Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) executes the Secretary of Homeland Security's responsibilities as assigned under the Homeland Security Act of 2002. In a March 19, 2020 memorandum on identifying essential critical infrastructure workers during the Covid-19 response, CISA released the following statement:

In accordance with this mandate, and in collaboration with other federal agencies and the private sector, CISA developed an initial list of "Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers" to help State and local officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security.

Under the "Transportation and Logistics" section of that memorandum, CISA identified Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers as:

- Employees supporting or enabling transportation functions, including... maintenance and repair technicians.
- Automotive repair and maintenance facilities.
- Manufacturers and distributors of... supplies needed to support manufacturing, packaging, staging and distribution operations.
- Employees who repair and maintain vehicles... and the equipment and infrastructure that enables operations that encompass movement of cargo and passengers.

Tire dealers and retreaders must remain open for business to ensure that the transportation system can remain operational. Tire service facilities and mobile service trucks are necessary to install and repair tires on all types of delivery vehicles. Retread plants must remain operational to supply tires to the fleets that deliver food to grocery stores and pick up the trash and recycling. Delivery trucks are necessary to move tires from the plants to the service and maintenance locations. Repair and maintenance facilities are necessary to make sure the vehicles that need to operate in order to maintain essential services are in a safe and running condition. The CISA memorandum can be found here:

<https://www.cisa.gov/publication/guidance-essential-critical-infrastructure-workforce>



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