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Re: COVID-19 Essential Worker Exemption

Dear Officer or Official,

As per the Government of Ontario regulation made under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMPCA)*, the person carrying this letter is considered exempt from the stay-at-home order which came into effect at 12:01 a.m. on April 8, 2021.

Under this regulation, the following businesses are permitted to open and follow sector-specific public health and workplace safety measures:

Supply chain

- Businesses that supply businesses or places that are permitted to open within Ontario, or that supply businesses or services that have been declared essential in a jurisdiction outside of Ontario, with the support, products, supplies, systems, or services, including processing, packaging, warehousing, distribution, delivery, and maintenance necessary to operate.

Agriculture and food production

- Businesses that produce food and beverages, and agricultural products including plants, including by farming, harvesting, aquaculture, hunting and fishing.
- Businesses that process, manufacture or distribute food, beverages, crops, agricultural products, animal products and by-products.
- Businesses that support the food or agricultural products supply chains and the health and safety of food, animals and plants.

Under this regulation, the following activities are essential and therefore considered exempt:

Obtaining goods and services

7. Obtaining goods, obtaining services, or performing such activities as are necessary for the safe operation, maintenance and sanitation of households, businesses, means of transportation or other places.

8. Purchasing or picking up goods through an alternative method of sale, such as curbside pickup, from a business or place that is permitted to provide curbside pickup under the Stage 1 Order.

10. Obtaining services from a financial institution or cheque cashing service.

Animals

26. Obtaining goods or services that are necessary for the health or safety of an animal, including obtaining veterinary services.

27. Obtaining animal food or supplies.

28. Doing anything that is necessary to respond to or avoid an imminent risk to the health or safety of an animal, including protecting an animal from suffering abuse.

29. Walking or otherwise exercising an animal.

We are providing this letter to our employee, _____, to abide by the guidelines outlined above and the regulation designating our workplace as permitted to open. This position requires our employee to travel in order to conduct business, including, but not limited to, travel to and from the address(es) indicated below.

Address(es) of Farm Location(s):

Please feel free to contact the undersigned for any questions relating to this workplace.

Name:

Title:

Phone: