

Livestock Dealer/Order-Buyer Travel Related to Critical Infrastructure

1. Presidential Policy Directive 21 (PPD-21) designates the food and agriculture sector as a critical infrastructure sector.
2. The President’s Coronavirus Guidance published on March 16, 2020 instructs employees of Critical Infrastructure Industries, such as the food and agriculture sector, to maintain normal work patterns during the global coronavirus outbreak.
3. The Department of Homeland Security emergency readiness programs implementing the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001. 42 U.S.C. § 5195c(e) identifies food and agriculture employees as critical infrastructure workers.
4. On March 28, 2020, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security published an updated list of critical infrastructure workers and explicitly included “[f]armers, farm workers, and agribusiness support services **to include those employed in auction and sales....**”
5. This document certifies that the individual bearing this document is a livestock dealer and/or order-buyer and is traveling to or from work in, a food, agriculture, or livestock auction facility, the continued operation of which is vital for security, national economic security, national public health, and safety.
6. As such, the individual in possession of this letter is a “critical infrastructure industry employee” of the Food and Agriculture industry and exempt from local restrictions such as curfews, shelter-in-place orders, and other mobility restrictions when reporting to, returning from, or performing his or her work functions. Please allow this individual to continue with his or her job in the interest of protecting public health and security.

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