



**MARITIME EXCHANGE**  
for the Delaware River and Bay

**ALERT**

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TO: Maritime Operations Committee

The Maritime Exchange is forwarding the following CBP/FDA Cargo Systems Messaging Service for your information.

**[CSMS #42272898 - Information for Filing Personal Protective Equipment and Medical Devices During COVID-19](#)**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is providing an update to [CSMS #42168200](#) for instructions to the import community regarding the submission of entry information for personal protective equipment and certain other devices. Following the instructions below will help facilitate the import process for all; especially for products related to the Coronavirus Disease-2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency. It is in the best interest of the U.S. to facilitate and expedite the importation of products into the U.S. market that address immediate, urgent public health needs.

**Non-FDA-regulated general purpose personal protective equipment (masks, respirators, gloves, etc.)**

Personal protective equipment for general purpose or industrial use (that is, products that are not intended for use to prevent disease or illness) is not regulated by FDA.

For these types of products, entry information should not be transmitted to FDA. At the time of entry for these products, Importers should transmit entry information to US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) using an appropriate HTS code with no FD Flag; or using an appropriate HTS code with an FD1 flag and do a 'disclaim' for FDA.

**Products authorized for emergency use pursuant to an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)**

When importing such products, entry information should be submitted to FDA; however reduced FDA information is required for review.

At the time of entry, Importers should transmit an Intended Use Code of 940.000: *Compassionate Use/Emergency Use Device*, and an appropriate FDA product code. Under this Intended Use Code, the Affirmations of Compliance for medical devices (such as the Registration, Listing, and Premarket numbers) are optional in ACE.

Below is a list of products and the appropriate product codes that are currently authorized by an EUA:

- Diagnostic tests: 83QKP, 83QKO, 83QJR

- Masks/Respirators: 80NZJ
- Ventilators: See ventilator EUA for product codes

A [full list of Emergency Use Authorizations](#) currently in place for the COVID-19 emergency is also available on FDA's website. Please check this site regularly for current information on products authorized by an EUA.

**Products regulated by FDA as a device, not authorized by an EUA, but where an enforcement discretion policy has been published in guidance.**

When importing such devices, entry information should be submitted to FDA.

At the time of entry, Importers should transmit Intended Use Code 081.006: *Enforcement discretion per final guidance*, and an appropriate FDA product code. Under this Intended Use Code, the Affirmations of Compliance for medical devices (such as the Registration, Listing, and Premarket numbers) are optional in ACE.

Below is a listing of guidance documents that have been issued for specific products related to COVID-19, which reference applicable product codes and policy for those products:

- [Clinical Electronic Thermometers, Gowns, Other Apparel, and Gloves](#)
- [Sterilizers, Disinfectant Devices and Air Purifiers](#)
- [Face Masks and Respirators](#)
- [Non-Invasive Remote Monitoring Devices](#)
- [Ventilators and Accessories and Other Respiratory Devices](#)

A [full list of all guidance documents related to COVID-19](#) is also available on FDA's website. Please check this site regularly for current information on these and other product areas. This message will be updated to specifically include additional guidance as it becomes available.

All questions regarding these instructions, product code assistance for these products, or to resolve entry issues can be submitted to FDA at [COVID19FDAIMPORTINQUIRIES@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:COVID19FDAIMPORTINQUIRIES@fda.hhs.gov) or 301-796-0356.

Step-by-Step instructions on how to register and list can be found on our website at <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/how-study-and-market-your-device/device-registration-and-listing>.

For additional assistance with completing initial registration, firms should contact the CDRH Registration and Listing Helpdesk at [reglist@cdrh.fda.gov](mailto:reglist@cdrh.fda.gov).

For assistance with paying the annual registration user fee, firms can reach out to the User Fee Helpdesk at [userfees@fda.gov](mailto:userfees@fda.gov).

For further information regarding entry submission requirements in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) system, see the FDA Supplemental Guide for ACE at <https://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/assets/documents/2020-Mar/FDA%20Supplemental%20Guide%20Release%202.5.1%202018%200410.pdf>.

As usual, FDA may request additional information on a case-by-case basis for making its final admissibility decision.

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