



## **Border NOT Closed to Trade, Essential Services: That Includes Food, Packaging, Raw Materials. States of Emergency the Same.**

As headlines mount about border closings, it is important to know that in all cases, trade in goods and essential services is continuing to and is not affected by these new regulations.

**Governments, manufacturers, shipping companies, and retailers all confirm that supply chains are open and moving and will remain so.**



Grocery stores across Canada and the United States are hiring additional staff to keep store shelves stocked as their business levels rise due to people eating and staying at home more.

States of emergency have been called by provinces and states in both countries. Governments do this to enact emergency management plans, implement temporary laws and access emergency funds.

States of emergency laws are focusing on actions to limit the rate at which the virus will spread, particularly through social distancing practices, and deploying extra resources to treat those who contract the virus.

States of emergency state very clearly that essential services such as grocery stores, drug stores, banks, etc., remain open, while making changes to accommodate social distancing goals.

Government actions will continue to keep supply chains filled. Suppliers, such as our company, and our customers', will continue to work hard to keep store shelves stocked and consumers throughout Canada and the United States fed and healthy.