



Critical Industry Employee Authorization to Travel **Regardless of the Time of Day**

To Whom It May Concern:

The individual in possession of this letter works for TNG Retail Services. As a merchandising company responsible for stocking and replenishing shelves at supermarkets, grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retailers, TNG is an integral part of the Food and Agriculture Sector. TNG is also an integral part of the Communications Sector insofar as TNG's services include stocking newspaper and magazine racks. This individual must travel to and from work and engage in his or her work activities regardless of the time of day as an employee in a sector that has been deemed by the U.S. Government as critical to the infrastructure of the United States.

The Food and Agriculture and Communications Sectors are essential for the continued function of the economy in this time of crisis. It is essential that this individual be permitted to proceed to or from his or her job or to otherwise perform his or her job function.

The Food and Agriculture and the Communications Sectors have been designated "Critical Infrastructure Segments" under the Department of Homeland Security emergency readiness programs implementing the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001. 42 U.S.C. § 5195c(e).

In a March 16, 2020 guidance, the President of the United States instructed employees of Critical Infrastructure Industries, including the food and agriculture and the communications sectors, to continue to perform their normal job functions during the coronavirus pandemic.¹ On March 19, 2020, the Department of Homeland Security issued a Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19

¹ https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20_coronavirus-guidance_8.5x11_315PM.pdf

Response.² The memorandum identified as critical infrastructure workers, workers supporting groceries, pharmacies, convenience stores, and other retail stores, as well as workers supporting media and newsgathering services.

It is therefore the policy of the United States government that these industries continue to function with minimal disruption in the event of an emergency.

The continued operation of the Food and Agriculture and Communications Sectors is vital to the health and wellness of the American people during this emergency.

As such, the individual in possession of this letter is a “critical infrastructure industry employee” of the Food and Agriculture and Communications Sectors and should be considered 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.

We ask that you allow this individual to continue with his or her job in the interest of protecting public health and security.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please email us at people@tngretail.com or call 925.667.5000.

²https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/CISA_Guidance_on_the_Essential_Critical_Infrastructure_Workforce_508C_0.pdf