On Friday, March 20, 2020, Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont announced Executive Order 7H which directs the closure of all non-essential retail businesses to the public, with exceptions.

The Connecticut Department of Economic Community Development's (DECD) official guidance document for essential businesses captures the complete LBM supply chain from manufacturers, wholesalers, distribution and retail services. The specific areas from the guidance to note are:

#1 accepts the recommendations from the guidance document issued late last week from the federal Department of Homeland Security. It specifically recognizes businesses involved in the "manufacture and distribution of wood products...";

#4 states all manufacturing and corresponding supply chains and related support businesses;

#5 states retail including hardware, paint and building materials stores; and,

#9 states under the essential construction designation, other construction support activities.

THE ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES DESIGNATED IN THIS GUIDANCE are not subject to the in-person restriction set forth in Executive Order 7H. This Order takes effect on Monday, March 23, 2020, at 8:00 p.m., and will remain in effect until at least April 22, 2020 or until modified or revoked by the Governor.

Thank you again to everyone that participated in our action alert last week. Without your grassroots advocacy, we might not have obtained the essential services status. I’d also like to thank our LDAC Legislative Committee Chair, Joe Ceccarelli, the Legislative Committee members, our lobbyist Carrie Rand-Anastasiades, the LDAC Board of Directors and the NRLA staff for their cooperation and proactive steps during this process.

Click on the buttons below to read the Governor’s executive order 7H on essential services or the DECD’s essential services guidance document that clarified essential service status for the LBM industry. If you have any questions, please let me know. Stay safe and be healthy.

Best,

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