



The Global Industry Practices Committee is continuing to work on initiatives for the first half of 2020, but also focused on assisting with the COVID-19 pandemic wherever possible. Some recent news from NAM (National Association of Manufacturers) regarding the payment of tariffs during the current pandemic is a Customs case-by-case duty deferral. CBP (Customs Border Patrol) is approving, on a case-by-case basis, requests for extended deadlines to pay duties, taxes and fees due to COVID-19. To request a duty deferral, we encourage you to [contact Randy Mitchell, Director, Commercial Operations Revenue and Entry \(CORE\) Division](#). CBP is also deliberating a more formal duty deferral policy in response to COVID-19, moving away from a case-by-case considerations and establishing a more concrete timeline. For more information, please contact [Ali Aafedt](#).

A few of our current initiatives are (1) Developing a paperless process for handling of manufacturers COC (Certificate of Compliance) documents. We have ADI and Mouser Electronics leading phase 1 of the project and they have just entered testing in March. (2) The manufacturers council has requested a review of the design registration process to include current, desired and future state across technologies to include active/semiconductor, electro-mechanical and passive. While working on a scoping document, we are also holding stakeholder meetings with industry leaders to form a collaborative effort. (3) Lastly, we are continuing to work on implementing our 2020 GIPC organizational plan which was announced in December 2019.

Please join us for our Q1 update scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time. For additional information, contact Don Elario at [delario@ecianow.org](mailto:delario@ecianow.org)