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ECIA Leads Industry-Wide Design Registration Initiative

ECIA's Global Industry Practices Committee (GIPC) has taken on the task of modernizing the channel's design registration process. Assembling a group of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) and industry stakeholders, representing the authorized component channel, to include semiconductors, passives and electromechanical/interconnect, the group will approach the project with a multi-phase initiative to assess the current state and what the future state might look like.

"The initiative was proposed by ECIA's Manufacturers' Council," explained Don Elario, ECIA Vice President of Industry Practices, "it will bring representatives from all the component technology sectors together. In addition to participation from each of the three ECIA Councils, there is representation from GEDA (Global Electronics Distribution Association) and ERA (Electronics Representatives Association). This is a long-standing process in the industry and modernization is a likely next step."

To read the complete press release, click here.

COVID-19: Considerations for Returning to Work

Returning to work can present businesses with a number of challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is especially true with regard to employee safety and compliance with existing government regulations. Two Federal agencies, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) have recently issued COVID-19 guidance for employers.

Upcoming Events

Sunday - Tuesday, Oct. 25-27

- Executive Conference

Weekly Economic Trends National Association of Manufacturers
By special agreement ECIA is pleased to present NAM Chief Economist Chad Moutray's weekly analysis of key U.S. government economic data and manufacturing industry trends in the NAM Economic Report - June 22.

Exposure to COVID-19 is considered a workplace hazard for purposes of OSHA compliance. As such, employers should be cognizant of the application of existing OSHA requirements to the prevention of occupational exposure to COVID-19. In general, these regulations require the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) when job hazards warrant it. OSHA has provided a resource (https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/hazardrecognition.html) to assist employers in assessing the risk of exposure to employees. More recently, the agency has published FAQs (https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/covid-19-faq.html#cloth-face-coverings) on wearing masks while at work. While employers may require employees to wear masks at work, the employer is not required to provide masks. However, it should be noted that cloth face masks are not considered PPE.

Click here to read the complete article from Robin B. Gray, Jr., ECIA COO and General Counsel.

Refer to ECIA's Coronavirus Resources page for updated information.

June TPC Covid-19 Survey Report

As a follow up to their ongoing research on the impact to the electronics supply chain in China from the Coronavirus (COVID 19); TPC conducted a 4th special survey. The survey had roughly 6,700 respondents with +/- 85% located in China.

Some key findings include:

- Roughly 85% of the respondents see production down only 5% or less for C2Q due to the virus' impact
- Now 37% think the production shortfall in C1Q will be made up in C2Q while 59% believe it will be made up in C3Q
- Less than 1% are saying the production shortfall will never be fully made up versus 15% in the April survey

Click here to read the complete survey report.

Technology Partners Consulting, (TPC) provides independent third party consulting to electronics suppliers and financial services firms. TPC provides ECIA with a monthly report on a market trends survey administered by Glenn Hitchcock, TPC founder and president.

Did You Know? New Service Partner Welcomed - Compliance & Risks

ECIA welcomes Compliance & Risks to the Service Partner Program!

Compliance & Risks is recognized as the end to end global regulatory solutions provider across the technology, consumer goods and retail, industrial goods and life sciences sectors. Headquartered in Cork, Ireland - they also have offices in Brussels, California, London and New York.

The company helps manufacturers, retailers and their supply chain partners monitor and manage requirements, regulations and standards for a cleaner, safer and better world. It creates business advantage for clients by providing reliable legislative information, insights and actions through C2P, its compliance knowledge management platform, consulting, market access, managed services and other solutions.

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