

Shipping Delays Due to Covid Impact Everyone



Delays in shipping attributed to complications in logistics because of Covid have put a strain on manufacturers, consumers, and business owners alike.

For almost two years, we have been battling with covid issues and its affect on business. While the personal losses are much greater, than anyone could ever express, the business issues and complications as a result of the virus impact everyone, as well.

Maintaining a normal, healthy society requires

a strong business community that supplies jobs, services, and products for our everyday life.

Businesses and manufacturers are now having to deal with another problem, which impacts not only their ability to provide jobs, services, and products, but has repercussions for the safety of both workers and consumers.

In the 1950's, container ships started to become

a source of shipping. Today, almost 90 percent of the world's trade is moved by water or airplane.

Presently, there is a historic volume of ships coming into the West Coast ports. The Northwest Seaport Alliance has reported a 14.1 percent increase in the number of ships compared to this time last year.

This same increase has been seen at all seaports up and down the entire west coast. Reportedly, there are approximately 56 container ships sitting at anchor or drifting off the coast of California, waiting to unload in Los Angeles and Long Beach. Ships are waiting days or even weeks to be unloaded with up to 18 newly arriving ships each day.

The Pacific Maritime Association has reported that equipment shortages, capacity limits, and logistical choke points are the major cause of the delay.

Imports have reportedly increased 26.5 percent, while exports have fallen 12.6 percent.

The Freightos Baltic Index reports container shipping costs have risen from \$3,224 in August of 2020, to over \$20,000. Air freight has increased 22 percent since the first of the year.

Overland trucking has been a big factor in delays

and accounts for the rising costs of products, as well. The increase in the cost of fuel and regulations associated with green energy have fragmented and handicapped the trucking industry and have forced several smaller operations to shut down due to affordability. This has created large gaps that other larger companies are attempting; yet failing to fill.

Shipping prices along with delays are creating shortages for essential parts and equipment.

It may be necessary to maintain extra parts or spare equipment for critical production lines, or locate alternate sources for supplying parts. Expedited delivery of parts or equipment cannot be depended upon.

New company requirements related to Covid may disqualify some vendors currently on approved vendor lists. It's advisable to review lists and determine if vendors need to be replaced or determine if the current ones are aware of any new procedures they must meet.

Routine maintenance of critical equipment is important to keep everything working properly. Safety appliances should be maintained and tested as recommended by the manufacturers. If testing is required by the regulatory authority, those

Risk of Carbon Monoxide poisoning leads to recall

Usines Giant Factories recall gas water heaters with Emerson Control Valves

Hazard: The heater's Emerson control valves can fail to close properly, causing soot to accumulate on the burner, posing a risk of carbon monoxide poisoning to consumers.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately contact Usines Giant Factories, who will arrange to have the Emerson control valve replaced by a certified technician, and to receive a free replacement valve. Consumers who continue to use the water heaters while awaiting repair should have working carbon monoxide alarms outside of sleeping areas

and on every level of the home.

Units: About 168 (in addition, about 10,832 were sold in Canada)

Consumer Contact: Giant at 800 363-9354 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET on Friday, or e-mail at recall@giantinc.com. or online at www.giantinc.com then click on "Recall Information" located at the bottom of the page, or click on <https://giantinc.com/en/recall-information>.

Kidde Recalls TruSense Smoke and Combination Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Due to Risk of Failure to Alert Consumers to a Fire

Hazard: The smoke alarm and the combination smoke/carbon monoxide (CO) alarm can fail to alert consumers to a fire.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately contact Kidde for a free replacement alarm. Consumers should keep using the recalled alarms until they install replacement alarms.

Units: About 226,000

Consumer Contact: Kidde toll-free at 844-796-9972 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET on Saturday or online at www.kiddetsalarmrecall.rsvpcomm.com or www.kidde.com and click on “Support” and then “Product Alerts” for more information.

Model	Alarm	Key Feature
2040-DSR	<p>TRUSENSE Logo Centered</p> <p>Round Button</p>	
2050-DS10	<p>Oval Button</p> <p>TRUSENSE Logo On Side</p>	
2060-ASR	<p>TRUSENSE Logo On Side</p> <p>Sliding door to access 9V battery</p>	
2070-VASR 2070-VDSR	<p>Alarm Type</p> <p>AMBER = FAULT</p> <p>Pop-up door to access 9V battery</p>	
2070-VDSCR 2070-VASCR	<p>Alarm Type</p> <p>AMBER = FAULT</p> <p>Pop-up door to access 9V battery</p>	

ECHO EGi-2300 Watt Generators Recalled Due to Fire and Burn Hazards; Manufactured by TTI



Echo EGi-2300

Hazard: The unit can overheat, posing fire and burn hazards to consumers.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled generators and contact

ECHO for instructions on how to obtain a free repair. ECHO is contacting all known purchasers directly.

Units: About 3,700

Consumer Contact: Echo at 800-432-3246 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or online at www.Echo-USA.com and click on Support-Help for more information.

One Million Greenworks and Powerworks Pressure Washer Spray Guns Recalled Due to Impact Injury Hazard

Distributed by Hongkong Sun Rise Trading



become dislodged during use, posing an impact injury hazard to the user.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled spray guns and contact Hongkong Sun Rise Trading for a free replacement of the spray gun handle.

Units: About 1.06 million

Consumer Contact: Hongkong Sun Rise Trading toll-free at 833-211-9185 Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET or online at www.greenworkstools.com and click on “Important Safety Notices” at the top of the page for more information.

Hazard: The spray gun connector can break, causing the hose and/or parts of the connector to

Non-Contact Voltage Testers Recalled by Klein Tools Due to Shock Hazard

Hazard: The on/off button can remain depressed during the power on or power off cycle, causing the tester to work improperly. Consumers testing electrical sources could fail to be warned of the presence of live voltage if the tester is not properly operating, posing a shock hazard to the users.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled non-contact voltage testers and contact Klein Tools for instructions on receiving a free

replacement tool.

Units: About 1,690,000 (In addition, about 67,800 were sold in Canada.)

Consumer Contact: Klein Tools at 800-527-3099 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, email at ncvt1support@kleintools.com or online at www.kleintools.com and click on “Safety Recall Information” at the bottom of the page for more information.

Flame King Recalls Hog 100-Pound Propane Cylinders Due to Fire Hazard

RECALLED



- SN #000001 to 002800
- White
- Improper handle location (Below weld)

Hazard: The propane cylinders manufactured with a handle below the weld on the side could leak propane gas, posing a fire hazard.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled propane cylinders and contact Flame King for a full refund or free replacement.

Units: About 500

Consumer Contact: Flame King toll-free at 844-464-8265 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, email at recall@flameking.com, or at www.flameking.com/hogrecall or www.flameking.com and click on “Product Recalls” located at the bottom of the page for more information.

Potter Electric Recalls Addressable Pull Stations Single/Dual Action Due to Failure to Alert to Fire



Hazard: The pull handle on some units can fail to activate the fire alarm system when manually pulled, posing a risk of failure to alert consumers to a fire.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately

contact Potter Electric or their fire alarm system dealers/installers for a free replacement. All known Potter Electric distributors and dealers/installers have been notified directly by the firm.

Units: About 735

Consumer Contact: Potter Electric at 800-325-3936 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or online at www.pottersignal.com and click on “Recall Information” at the top of the page for more information.

*See Pages 7-11 for the
NABO Grant Application!*

Northern Tool & Equipment Recalls Powerhorse Portable Generators Due to Shock Hazard



Hazard: The portable generators have a wiring error which can result in an electrical shock to users.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled generators and contact Northern Tool & Equipment to schedule a free repair by an authorized dealer.

Units: About 3,640

Consumer Contact:

Powerhorse Product Support toll-free at 866-443-2576 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or online at www.northerntool.com and click on “Recall Products” for more information or https://www.northerntool.com/shop/tools/help_product-recalls.

This newsletter does not attempt to cover all recalls, we attempt to list those recalled items we believe to be of importance to NABO MEMBERS.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding pressure equipment it is advisable to contact your authorized inspector. The National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors has listings of qualified manufacturers and repair organizations who are authorized to make or repair boilers and pressure vessels. In addition, under the Members Directory you will find contact information for the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Department of each Jurisdiction

www.natioalboard.org

Got an important message for your fellow NABO members? Have an announcement that you'd like to share? Send your submissions for the NABO NOW! newsletter to James.Marsh@tuv sud.com



www.nabomembers.com

NABO GRANT PROGRAM

THE PROGRAM

The National Association of Boiler Owners and Operators (“NABO”) has established a Grant program to provide for and encourage eligible individuals to continue their education to pass the National Board Examination for boiler and pressure vessel inspectors and to become a National Board Commissioned Inspector.

This Grant program is administered by NABO. All awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability or national origin.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants to the NABO Grant Program must be either:

- Children of individuals employed by or affiliated with ARISE Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company Risk Retention Group policyholder companies (“ABIIC”);
- Individuals who want to become commissioned boiler inspectors;
- Veterans of the United States Military Services; or
- Individuals with HVAC or Code or Non-Code boiler and pressure vessel manufacturing shop experience as a Welder or Quality Control.
- Must be a citizen of the United States.

ELIGIBLE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

An Eligible Educational Institution is any accredited school that has a curriculum to prepare students to pass the National Board Examination to become a National Board Commissioned Inspector. See current National Board requirements here <http://www.nationalboard.org/Index.aspx?pageID=390&ID=483>.

AWARDS

Applications will be reviewed against the program criteria by a selection process determined by NABO. Grant recipients will be selected on a competitive basis. If selected as a Grant Recipient, the student will receive an award in an amount of \$10,000 for tuition, books and related fees. Up to two awards will be granted each year. Applicants can reapply for additional awards each year while continuing their education.

APPLICATION

Interested individuals must complete the Application and submit it to:

**NABO Grant Program
c/o ARISE Boiler Inspection & Insurance Co. RRG 7000
S. Edgerton Road, Suite 100
Brecksville, OH 44141**

Email: arise-NABO@tuvsud.com

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, answer all questions as completely as possible. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by the NABO Grant Program Selection Committee.

SELECTION OF GRANT RECIPIENTS

Grant Recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, statement of goals and aspirations, and a personal interview, if elected by the NABO Grant Program Selection Committee. Financial need is not considered.

Selection of Grant Recipients is made by the NABO Grant Program Selection Committee. All Applicants agree to accept the decision as final.

Grant Recipients will be notified as soon as possible after receipt of the completed application. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as Grant Recipients. Students may reapply to the program each year they meet eligibility requirements.

PAYMENT OF GRANTS

All awards will be paid directly to the Eligible Educational Institution. Grant Recipients will be responsible for all income taxes due on any awards.

OBLIGATIONS

Grant Recipients must keep at least a C average in all courses in order to keep the award. If the recipient's grades fall below a C average in his or her courses, the Grant Recipient shall be required to repay the award to NABO. Grant Recipients must submit a transcript of courses taken and grades received to the NABO Grant Program Selection Committee at the end of each grading period.

AMENDMENTS AND TERMINATION OF NABO GRANT PROGRAM

NABO reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of the NABO Grant Program and to make any changes at any time, including termination of the NABO Grant Program.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding the NABO Grant Program should be addressed to:

**NABO NABO Grant Program
c/o ARISE Boiler Inspection & Insurance Co. RRG 7000
S. Edgerton Road, Suite 100
Brecksville, OH 44141**

Email: arise-NABO@tuvsud.com

NABO Grant Program Application

I, _____ have read and understand the conditions of the NABO grant Program. I affirm that I plan to pursue a career in boiler and pressure vessel inspection and to sit for the National Board Examination to become a National Board Commissioned Inspector. I give permission to officials of my educational institution to release transcripts of my academic record and other information requested for consideration in the NABO Grant Program. I understand that this application will be available only to qualified people who are pursuing a career in boiler and pressure vessel inspection. I affirm the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date _____ Signature _____

Legal name in full _____
(Print/Type) Last Name First Name M.I.

Permanent residence _____
Number, Street, and Apartment Number

_____ City State ZIP

Your address at school _____
(if different) Number, Street, and Apartment Number

_____ City State ZIP

Home telephone (____) _____

School telephone (____) _____
(if different)

E-mail address _____

(Check one) I am a U.S. citizen U.S. national Resident alien expecting citizenship by the date of award

Date of birth _____
Month/Day/Year

Name of Educational Institution _____

Current cumulative GPA _____ on a scale of _____

Your undergraduate major(s) _____

Number of college credits earned to date _____ Total number of credits required for graduation _____

Expected date to receive baccalaureate degree _____ Degree you will receive _____ November 2021

Graduate degree(s) sought _____ Concentration(s) _____

Name _____

1. **List the secondary school from which you graduated, and all higher education institutions attended.**

School

Location

Date Attended

2. **List awards, scholarships, or special recognitions you have received.**

3. **List college and high school activities**

4. **List work experience**

Name _____

5. Describe the educational program you intend to pursue if you receive a NABO Grant Award.

6. What are your employment goals?

7. What additional personal information do you wish to share with the NABO Grant Program Selection Committee?

8. Describe your military service, leadership and education, including mechanical or engineering-related training and military application of that training.