

**1 April 2020**

**To whom it may concern**

**Re: Member Businesses of the Electrical Distributors' Association (EDA) and their Employees**

Further to the advice from HM Government, Public Health England (PHE) and the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) that manufacturing, and construction work and their supply chain partners can and should continue to support the UK's critical national infrastructure, this letter confirms that EDA members, who are wholesalers and merchants of electrical and electro-technical products, can continue their activities to support the UK's critical infrastructure projects and ensure that people have safe and healthy homes to live in.

This is confirmed in a letter dated 31 March 2020 from The Rt Hon Alok Sharma MP, Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, a copy of which is supplied.

Employees of EDA member companies are carrying out work of a vital nature in maintaining essential infrastructure and public services and are required to act fully in compliance with HM Government policy on safe working and travel during the Corona Virus / COVID19 restrictions. To ensure that EDA members' staff and customers can operate in a safe workplace, the EDA has circulated the Site Operating Procedures, published by the Construction Leadership Council (CLC) on 23 March 2020 reflecting the latest guidance from PHE. A copy of which can be downloaded from the EDA website: <https://www.eda.org.uk/news/covid-19-bulletin-1/>

Yours faithfully



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