



**To: USGC Members**

**From: Jim Raben, USGC Chairman**

**Date: November 18, 2020**

**Re: Update on the 18<sup>th</sup> International Marketing Conference & 61st Annual Board of Delegates Meeting**

I hope this letter finds you safe and your operations continuing as best they can under the circumstances in which we find ourselves in the world today.

The Board of Directors met this week and, considering restrictions currently in place in Savannah and around the country, decided our meeting this winter will be held virtually. We recognize any in-person meeting in the near-term would be very different and significantly more limited than our typical gatherings.

While it certainly won't look the same or have the feeling of an in-person meeting, we are working hard to develop a gathering that will offer robust information to you about trade and export issues and include business sessions, a Board of Delegates meeting and Advisory Team and sector discussions.

Thank you for your understanding as we adapt our meeting and **mark your calendar for November 30** – the day meeting registration will open.

For your information, we have created a series of frequently asked questions covering more meeting details, available [HERE](#).

Best wishes to you and your families as we all work on building relationships and building trade during this challenging time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Raben", is placed on a light-colored rectangular background.

Jim Raben

USGC Chairman