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To: Whom it may concern

**RE: Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) \*\*\*REVISED STATEMENT – Release 3\*\*\***

Skymark Packaging International Ltd are committed to supply safe and legally compliant materials to all of the markets it operates within. Given the recent outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus in Wuhan/ Hubei region in China, and subsequent global reports of the Virus, Skymark has sought to provide as much detail as possible to reassure its client base of the safety of its product:

According to the WHO:

- As of 11/03/2020, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has recently declared the outbreak a Global pandemic
- Precautions have been underway to ensure the spread of the Virus is as contained as is possible, with governments aligning control and fiscal measures to stem the potential impact(s)
- The Virus is classed as zoonotic pathogen, meaning it is transmitted between animals and people.
- Incubation periods are reported to be 1 – 14 days
- Case numbers have soared across the globe, reaching a total of over 187,000 Cases as of 17/03/2020 12:45
- The survival chances of the Virus on surfaces outside of the body are believed to mirror that of similar Virus types (SARS, MERS) which are stated to be a few hours to several days (subject to condition, e.g. type of surface, temperature or humidity of the environment)

Additional available information suggests:

- NHS UK suggest that packaging, food etc remain unlikely to harbour the Virus for very long (WHO information suggest few hours to several days based on surface and condition)
- According to NHS UK, current containment systems for Corona Virus appear to be following the routine Influenza precautions.
- The UK Government have initiated protective measures for the general population aimed at reducing the impact of sharp rises in cases on the NHS. These include social distancing, quarantining and avoiding social gatherings wherever possible.
- Further measures may include school closures; however, this has not yet been confirmed by the UK government.
- Europe and many other non-European countries have taken measures to close their land borders and initiate lockdown scenarios for the general population – the movement of goods is NOT restricted by these measures despite closures of borders. In some cases, commuter traffic also remains unaffected.

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Additional Actions undertaken by Skymark Packaging International:

- An additional third full review of supply chain arrangements has been launched to monitor the impact on goods and product supply
- Our supply chain interrogation covers all critical components, from Polymer, through inks, Solvents, adhesives and auxiliary packaging to Hauliers, Additional Packaging Components (such as pallets) and Internal First Aid Equipment
- Information posters have been created based on current available information and placed in prominent areas, which include the WHO guidelines
- Team Briefs have been created and issued to all teams based on the current information on Corona Virus
- Additional Alcohol-based sanitiser units or equivalent cleaning wipes have been procured to decrease the risk of contact transfer
- Staff are discouraged to part take in large crowd gatherings (based on Swiss definition of >1000 people) wherever reasonably practicable
- All non-essential site visits have been cancelled
- Where site visits are deemed essential, a pre-visit questionnaire MUST be completed – results are recorded
- All non-essential staff travel (UK and non-UK) has been suspended
- Where possible, working from home arrangements have been put into place for individuals deemed as “at risk”
- Social distancing measures have been encouraged, this includes a maximum of staff numbers in any given area, dependant on its size
- Hauliers are being briefed to remain in their cabs at all times unless unloading makes it imperative for them to conduct the necessary activities themselves
- Where possible, forward orders have been placed and stock holding agreements sought to ensure continuity of supply
- Continual mailshot updates from the Gov.uk travel advice page

**Having assessed our measures, systems and key supply chain elements, we believe that we are taking all reasonably practicable precautions to prevent the spread of the disease. Furthermore, our supply chain partners have thus far indicated that, aside from products from Saudi Arabia which represent a non-essential raw material, there is no current direct impact on the supply of materials to Skymark Packaging International Ltd. All of our partners are committed to continue to communicate any further developments to us as soon as they become available.**

We are closely monitoring all possible information outlets, such as WHO, NHS UK & GOV.UK travel restrictions, as well as scientific outlets such as all relevant news outlets. As the situation regarding the information on the Virus develops, we will continue to communicate any additional information to our customers.



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