

COMPANY STATEMENT – COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS–March 2020)

As a result of your questions and the ongoing developments with regards to the Global & UK outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19), Mercian Labels Ltd have assessed and evaluated the potential risks and are taking every precaution necessary in the Global fight to contain the virus and to ensure that our supply chain remains unaffected.

We continue, of course, to follow our BRC Hygiene Health & Safety guidelines and procedures rigorously and have recently introduced hand sanitisation stations throughout the business to include *all* employees. Specific guidelines have been issued in relation to 'self-hygiene' practices and we have also expanded our cleaning regime to include the cleaning of all surfaces, door handles and public areas on a regular basis.

We remain in constant contact with our Business Development Managers to closely monitor all travel plans, particularly in the already identified 'hot spots' And whilst, we do not see the need to do so at present, we will be monitoring our sales activity as a whole and be ready to introduce phone/skype/Teams meetings rather than site visits should the need arise. In any event we will follow local UK Government Guidelines and the NHS Trust and Public Health England's advice, to ensure the health and wellbeing of all of our employees and visitors to our site.

Our supply chain is exclusive to the United Kingdom and our suppliers are constantly being monitored. We remain in close contact with them and should the need arise, we are ready to take any necessary actions to protect all of those concerned.

We foresee no issues pertaining to product safety or our supply chain currently. However, should we encounter any 'self-isolation' or virus incidents, rest assured that we have a very robust Disaster Recovery Plan ready and waiting to be activated.

Should you have any concerns at all, please do not hesitate to contact your Account Manager or our Customer Care Team directly.

On behalf of Mercian Labels Ltd