

Frimpeks Ltd – Dealing with the COVID - 19 crisis

The COVID - 19 is the single biggest challenge that we have had to face in several generations and the questions being raised and scope of the problem are changing on a daily basis.

At Frimpeks, we realise the importance of labels in securing the supply chain for food, pharmaceuticals and cleaning products and expect that demands will continue to increase as society reacts to uncertainty.

The challenges that we will all face are many and complex – from maintaining a fit and healthy workforce to securing the upward supply chain of raw materials – the vast majority of which are imported from Europe where the borders have been closed to all but essential travel.

Currently it seems that commercial vehicles are still able to cross the borders, so we expect that deliveries will be able to get through – assuming that drivers remain available and factories remain operational. We do however expect to see some delays, and we have already started to see some cost inflation, in terms of transport surcharges and currency devaluation so far, but we feel that we are also likely to see cost inflation in general as the supply chain becomes tighter and the workforce is stretched, creating a greater reliance on overtime and temporary workers for example.

As we stand, our stock levels are at a healthy level and we have buffers of raw materials with many of our suppliers that will see us through the short to medium term. Moving further forwards we plan to increase our stock holding as much as space and availability of materials allow.

We would like to wish all of our customers the best of health throughout these uncertain times and hope to work even more closely together, even if that means through digital media rather than face to face for the foreseeable future.

Yours sincerely,

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