



**EUROPEAN
CARTON MAKERS
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Statement from the European Carton Makers Association and Pro Carton

Continued cross-border and inter-country movement of cartonboard and carton packaging is essential for the continued safe distribution of food and pharmaceutical packaging during the COVID-19 crisis

The 'European Carton Makers Association' and 'Pro Carton' are concerned that the increased imposition of border controls, as Europe tackles the COVID-19 outbreak, will impede or prevent the effective supply of raw materials to packaging converters or finished packaging supplied to the pharmaceutical and food manufacturing sector.

Packaging facilitates the hygienic and effective supply of pharmaceutical and food products. The imposition of a nationwide lock-down and border closures will rapidly cause manufacturers supplying packaging into these essential markets to reduce or cease production; this will result in significant disruption in the supply chain of foods and pharmaceuticals.

The 'European Carton Makers Association' and 'Pro Carton' are seeking clarification that companies involved in the supply of raw materials and converters who manufacture the carton packaging for these markets, are excluded from restrictions that maybe imposed in response to the COVID-19 outbreak and that their businesses can continue to operate and keep the pharmaceutical and food manufacturers supply chain effectively operating.

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