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Good morning Member

I hope all is well at your end today and you are managing to adjust to whatever your new normal is.

As you know, one of the most powerful aspects of IRDG is the member network. Below is a request from a member company seeking advice and assistance. We would be delighted to hear from you, or colleagues, if you can help in any way. And please feel free to share the request as you see fit.

Question: Call for Packaging Support for member responding to PPE manufacturing request from HSE

“Our company is currently in discussions with the HSE to supply PPE from our manufacturing process as an alternate product offering during the Covid-19 PPE supply shortage. However, we need some additional help in dispensing packaging as this is not routine activity for us. Perhaps you or someone you know might be able to help?”

We know that we can adapt our product line to manufacture single article polythene aprons as PPE. The challenge we face is to fold and pack the aprons into some kind of non-sterile dispensing carton. The aprons should dispense in a manner that when one apron is removed through a top hole, the corner of the next available gown comes through the top hole to facilitate its removal for the next user. We believe the product would be packaged as 50 units per carton and the expectation is for a weekly demand of 300-500 cartons per week. We would be interested in hearing from a company who can provide folding and packaging as a service or anybody who is aware of a provider for same.”

If you can assist, please send a note with any information you have. We will include it along with your contact details in the report. This will be shared with the company seeking the help and they will follow up on the suggestions as they consider appropriate.

Many thanks,
Darragh

What is Members Question Time?

If your business has an issue or query about which other members may have experience, ideas and/or expertise, you can email us and we will circulate that to the members on an anonymous basis. We will collate the feedback and create a final report for the company involved. Copies of reports are also available to other IRDG members on request. A list of recent MQTs is available [on this link](#).

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