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Metal Packaging is Not a Potential Source of Coronavirus Infection

Whilst Metal Packaging Europe (MPE) members and their material suppliers may source limited amounts of raw materials from China, their use does not represent a risk of infection with the Coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

Viruses need to be inside a living host cell to survive for any length of time and then grow, multiply and spread. Outside a living host, they only remain infective for up to 48 hours and typically for a much shorter time. In addition, they are deactivated by heat (above 75°C) and by many chemicals including alcohols and surfactants found in coatings and sealants.

The risk of contaminated cans, ends and closures due to the use of raw materials from China is further reduced due to:

- the chemical and thermal processes that raw materials go through before they are supplied to metal packaging manufacturers as materials, and the thermal processes that are used in metal packaging manufacture
- the thermal treatment of filled cans/jars used by many of our customers to sterilise/pasteurise their finished products
- the predominantly dry/non-aqueous nature of most raw materials (which are intrinsically non-supportive of virus survival)
- the long transit times (many weeks) that raw materials go through before arrival in Europe





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Corona Virus SILGAN actual Information



- "As leading supplier of packaging materials in the food industry, Silgan is closely monitoring the current situation relating to the **corona virus**. At present, all available information and available analyzes show an unlikely risk of contamination from imported goods.
- As packaging supplier for the food industry, our company **has installed since years special measures for food safety to prevent possible contamination from human interaction.**
- *This is certified in a BRC system and continuously monitored. All plants have the highest possible **AA rating**.*

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