



Dietzenbach, Germany, 28th April 2020 - Cartonplast (CPL) continuously evaluates the risks associated with the corona virus situation in all countries in which we operate. As our reusable polypropylene plastic layer pads are used in the food and beverage, pharmaceutical and cosmetics industries, we can confirm that there is no risk to the safety of our products and products transported with CPL plastic layer pads.



FAQ - COVID - Polypropylene layer pads

■ Risk of transmission through plastic layer pads - What measures are taken at Cartonplast to minimize the risk of transmission?

Cartonplast operates according to the validated HACCP system and has taken additional measures to prevent the virus from entering its service and logistics centres and to guarantee product safety at all times. Hygiene protection measures established for years, such as hand and surface disinfection, hygiene zones, and personal protective equipment (PPE) are strictly adhered to. All employees who handle clean layer pads wear the PPE, such as long-sleeved covers or disposable gowns, hairnet, gloves - the wearing of a mouth guard was additionally implemented.

■ Is the CPL layer pads cleaning procedure effective against SARS-CoV-2?

The cleaning technology we use to clean and disinfect our layer pads makes the product safe for its intended use. In all our cleaning systems, we use a product (based on sodium hypochlorite) that is effective against corona viruses to disinfect the layer pads. During the final inspection, the plastic layer pads are checked in a short inspection time of 10-12 minutes per pallet.

■ How are the pallets packed with cleaned layer pads?

The shrink film is manually placed over the pallets filled with clean layer pads and the employees wear gloves, arm covers or disposable gowns during this activity. The films are shrunk with a gas flame. The layer pads are safely and tightly packed in the shrink film. Additional disinfection of the film from the outside is not necessary.

CPL, its team and its partners also take all possible measures to keep the supply situation stable and secure in every respect. As the current market situation for glass packaging demand is very high, the demand for our products and services is also high and we are able to supply these growing quantities. Within the first 10 weeks of this year CPL has invested in 2.5 million new layer pads to meet the growing demand. With this increased investment a total pool size of 50 million layer pads has been exceeded. Our proactive approach enabled us to procure such a volume of new layer pads in such a short time. To this end, CPL increased the collection frequency from customers to bring the layer pads back into the logistics cycle despite higher costs for CPL.

About the Cartonplast Group

CPL was founded in 1985, and its Headquarters is based in Dietzenbach, Germany. The PLPs by CPL are utilised at more than 130 production locations in 20 countries for the transportation of glass, cans and PET containers to filling plants. As the largest European Pool System operator of reusable PLPs on a rental basis, CPL has a closely linked network of service centres. As the pioneers of a “green” business model, CPL has more than 30 years’ experience in the delivery and collection, sorting and cleaning as well as in the management of reusable transport products. This environmentally friendly closed loop-pooling concept is one of the most successful outsourcing systems in Europe, with 7,300 participating fillers in the beverage, food, pharmaceutical and cosmetic industries in 30 countries. 45 million PLPs, currently in operation with more than 140 million cycles per year, are managed worldwide in 16 CPL Service Centres.

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