

# Coronavirus: Status Update and Precautionary Measures

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**13<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

## WHO Update

On 11<sup>th</sup> March the World Health Organisation classified the Coronavirus outbreak as a pandemic on the basis of its speed and scale of transmission. Almost 125,000 cases have now been reported to WHO, from 118 countries and territories. In the past two weeks, the number of cases reported outside China – where the outbreak began - has increased almost 13-fold, and the number of affected countries has almost tripled. Tight restrictions have been imposed in numerous countries, notably Italy, restricting travel, banning public gatherings and closing schools and some business. President Trump announced this week the suspension of all flights to USA from 26 European countries for 30 days starting on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at midnight.

## Camira Operational Update

- All Camira manufacturing facilities, distribution sites and administrative functions remain fully operational and we are producing as normal. We have taken appropriate safeguarding measures to protect the health and wellbeing of our colleagues throughout our business (more information is provided below).
- Our inbound global supply chains are also working as normal, including our wool and polyester supply partners in both Italy and China, where we can confirm that production facilities remain open and are continuing to produce as normal. Supply from these two countries affects just four fabrics in our portfolio, for which stocks remain healthy, plus we have taken additional polyester supply from North America and have alternative options if the Italian supply route is disrupted.
- Our overall stock position of both yarn and finished fabric remains very strong to fulfil demand over the next three month period.
- Our sample stocks are also strong and we are continuing to replenish sampling for project specification requirements.

## Our Precautionary Measures

We are working extremely hard on business continuity plans to protect both our People and our Company and in turn continue to provide fabrics and samples for our global markets. A fundamental element is to prevent the infection and transmission of Coronavirus among our staff, so we have implemented a number of precautionary measures:

- All employee air travel for business purposes has been suspended
- Non-essential site visits to Camira premises have been stopped
- Sales Managers are holding client meetings wherever possible by phone or Skype
- Hand sanitisation has been installed at all site entrances and exits
- We have increased the frequency of cleaning in communal and canteen areas
- We are splitting business critical departments to ensure continued operation in the event of infection
- We are allowing increased home-working if work can be undertaken remotely

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## Bulk fabric orders as a further precautionary recommendation

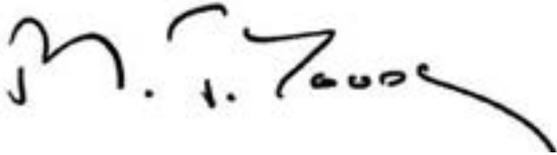
- At the end of February we communicated the option for customers to make a single, consolidated order, specified as “Coronavirus Fabric Stock” to provide additional buffer stocks for furniture production and project fulfilment.
- We wish to remind customers that this offer, with payment terms extended by an extra 30 days, is available to the end of March 2020 and will then be reviewed.

Once again, thank you very much in advance for your cooperation. We are making every effort to continue to maintain our usual service levels throughout our operations and working at the highest levels on business continuity planning. We hope you are also keeping safe and well, and that your business continues without undue disruption during these very challenging socio-economic circumstances.

All ongoing information and updates relating to Coronavirus can be found online at:

<https://www.camirafabrics.com/en/policies/coronavirus>

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Young', with a long, sweeping underline.

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