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THE SPHERE GROUP MAINTAINS A FULL AND UNINTERRUPTED ACTIVITY WHILE PRESERVING SAFETY DURING AN UNPRECEDENTED HEALTH CRISIS.

The packaging sector has been declared a public utility by the government.

In this unprecedented time of crisis, SPHERE has put in place a Business Continuity Plan (BCP) for all of the group's subsidiaries.

The establishment of this BCP was only made possible by implementing full protection measures in terms of equipment and procedures across all SPHERE companies. This will to ensure the safety of the Group's employees faced with risks linked to the spread of Covid-19.

The work organisation has been modified to allow the strictest possible application of barrier measures, and to maximise the level of protection for each of the 15 production sites located in Western Europe.

To date, all of these sites are operating at full capacity.

In these exceptional circumstances, the SPHERE Group is making every effort to provide its customers with sufficient quantities of goods, for large retail outlets and local authorities alike.

Refuse bags, freezer bags, cling film, baking paper, aluminium trays, gloves, etc. are all products necessary for the protection, hygiene and conservation of products throughout the supply chain, all the way to the end consumer.

SPHERE is adapting its production capacities.



Super Reinforced 20L Bags for soft Hazardous Health Care Waste

New: bag-to-bag distribution

HOSTOSAC

SLIDING FASTENERS

SUPER-REINFORCED

BAG TO BAG DISTRIBUTION

HYGIENIC SUBPACKAGING

SUPER-REINFORCED BAGS
• Thickness of 28µ to avoid the risk of perforation to the bag.

EXTREMELY HYGIENIC BAGS
- Sliding fasteners: hygienic when closed and transported.
- Subpackaging in the box so as not to store the rolls in the box used for transport.

BAG-TO-BAG DISTRIBUTION: FOR SAFETY AND CONVENIENCE
The bags are not attached to each other in the roll. No risk of tearing when the bag is separated from the rest of the roll.

1 MOVEMENT - 1 BAG

Hostosac for soft Infectious Clinical Waste			
Volume	Thickness	Dimensions	Bags/Boxes
20L	28µ	450x450mm	500 bags

COMPLIANT WITH STANDARD NF X30-501

The order of 24/11/2003 relating to packaging for soft Hazardous Health Care Waste sets compliance with standard NF X30-501 for bags as a minimum safety level.

SPHERE has also been supplying the hospital market with standard refuse bags and infectious waste collection bags for many years.

The SPHERE group has adapted and enhanced its production capacities to meet the exceptional needs of hospitals in France. Several of the group's factories have launched a new range of HOSTOSAC reinforced bags. These are compliant with standard NF X30-501, allowing hospitals to dispose of soft Hazardous Health Care Waste (HHCW) safely and without risk of perforation to the bag.

All of the group's industrial activity is located in Europe, specifically in France with eight sites, in Italy with three factories, and in Spain. These sites manufacture all products for their respective markets.

Production of bio-compostable BIOTEC materials is at an all-time high.

BIOTEC, the group's main research and development centre and producer of bio-compostable resins, continues to operate at full capacity. Its efforts are focussed on the manufacture of finished products such as fruit and vegetable bags.

About SPHERE

Founded in 1976 in France, SPHERE is a French family group. It is the leading European company for household packaging and a producer of bio-compostable resins.

SPHERE manufactures, markets and distributes ranges of innovative environment-friendly products for the general public, professional users and local authorities, mainly in Western Europe, including refuse bags, fruit and vegetable bags, freezer bags, cooking bags, reusable bags and shopping bags, films and paper for use in food contact, aluminium trays and foil, disposable and take-out tableware, etc.

SPHERE's development strategy is to:

- Reduce the volume of virgin plastic materials used in its products and replace them with recycled materials;
- Develop new biodegradable and compostable materials;
- Use biobased raw materials.

With 15 production sites in Europe, eight of which are in France, and annual production of 150 000 tonnes of bags, SPHERE in 2019 recorded turnover of 580 million euros and had 1,450 employees.

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