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## BBPC Statement on the current status of the Coronavirus Outbreak

As all are aware, the World Health Organisation has placed restrictions on movement and only essential travel permitted globally, although the UK Government now has travel corridors for exempt destinations that no longer pose an unacceptably high risk for British travellers, which is consistently being updated.

The UK Government is monitoring the outbreak very closely, including looking at all potential Biosecurity risks. A site Covid-19 Risk Assessment has been conducted and actions have been taken to ensure the safety of all staff & visitors - and while there is no impact of the virus on food safety for any of the ingredients we are supplied, the supply chain may possibly be indirectly affected in the next few months. Movement of ingredients for export has been limited, although our suppliers are informing us of any expected delays during this period and try where possible to limit these with our supply base.

During this period, we are continuing to liaise with our supply base to keep our customers updated in regards to any impact likely <u>along with regular</u> information offered by the UK Government and other Industry bodies regarding food safety risks as per below.

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public

## In reference, the World Health Organisation indicates the following holds true as prevention:

- Frequent cleaning of hands by using soap and water, or alcohol-based hand rub.
- When coughing or sneezing, cover mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue and throw tissue away immediately and wash hands.
- If you have a new, persistent cough, a fever, change or loss of the sense of taste or smell, Diarrhoea, Physical and/or Mental fatigue, please consult 111 on-line and now self-isolate for 10 days, and you must get tested. If the test result is negative, you can be released out of isolation earlier.

We have added statements for our personnel to RTW & Visitors Health Questionnaires, advising of self-isolation from countries without the travel corridor, contacting 111 on-line if showing any known symptoms, or have knowingly been in contact with any affected person recently to self-isolate.

We will continue to monitor the situation and update our statement when we have further information.

On behalf of The Bury Black Pudding Company:

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