

## **COVID-19 – Solid Board Packaging are Essential to Maintain Security of Supply**

In the current COVID-19 crisis, securing the provision of food and other essential products of daily needs to the population is system-relevant and packaging is an integral part of it.

Solid board transport and primary packaging enable the supply chain of food and other essential products of daily needs to the end consumers and therefore are an integral part of a sustainable securing of provision of the population. Thus, solid board transport and primary packaging are of high system relevance.

On 27th of March 2020, the German Ministry for Nutrition and Agriculture (BMEL) has published a guideline „Companies of Critical Infrastructure Nutrition“. The guideline explicitly lists „Enterprises for production of packaging and packaging material for products“ as an essential critical infrastructure and therefore as system relevant companies of the food industry.

In the current COVID-19 crisis „system relevance“ means that those economic sectors and companies are excluded from restrictions resulting from measures in order to stem the COVID-19 pandemic (e.g. restriction of cross-border goods traffic).

Consequently, this also applies for the supply chain of solid board transport and primary packaging as well as their raw materials and intermediate products for package of food and other essential products of daily needs!

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