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Dear Mr Pennington,

Personal Protective Equipment

We are being made aware of shortages in the stocks and supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) including FFP3 dust masks, protective gloves and workwear across both our membership and the wider food and drink industry. This is becoming more prevalent every day with the potential to run out of some articles imminently. Concerns are being raised being across our sector from seafood manufacturers to bakeries. We understand quite rightly the necessity to ensure the NHS are stocked however it seems key workers essential to feeding the nation may face shortages.

I believe Simon Brentnall raised this concern with you on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020. While we understand this issue has already been escalated within the HSE, as the leading trade association in frozen food we do feel it our duty to reiterate this concern again over this.

Any strategy or guidance on measures that industry could implement to cope with shortages of suitable PPE would be gratefully received. This would enable us to update our own membership and the wider industry through our contacts with other Federations.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

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