

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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GENERAL STATEMENT FROM EFIBCA - The Voice of the European FIBC Industry

RE: Current supply situation of FIBCs

Dear Sir/Madam,

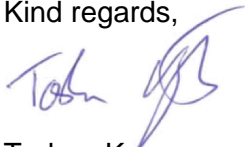
The European Flexible Intermediate Bulk Container Association (EFIBCA) would like to inform you about the current possible supply shortages of FIBCs.

All manufacturers of polyolefin flexible packaging like FIBCs around the world are currently experiencing considerable problems in purchasing sufficient raw materials on the world market. Currently, there are considerable shortages in particular of PE and PP. The force majeure announcements from raw material suppliers are further exacerbating the situation. The shortage has come recently as a surprise to many flexible packaging producers and their traders and was not foreseeable to this extent.

Consequently, this shortage of raw materials is affecting FIBC manufacturers very seriously. It is leading to lower production figures and at the same time to massive price increases. Additionally, there are major logistical problems due to the lack of shipping containers around the world. This creates significant supply chain issues, as well as longer delivery times, which will also impact FIBC prices.

Based on the above reasons, we ask for your understanding if you are affected by these impacts. We can assure you that all FIBC manufacturers try to keep the consequences for their customers as minimal as possible.

Kind regards,



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General Secretary of EFIBCA