

Case Study

Promedicare is a leading supplier of medical devices and pharmaceutical products to the Irish healthcare market including the Irish Health service, the HSE.

Challenge

In early 2020, due to the worldwide Covid 19 pandemic, the demand for providing suitable PPE including respiratory protective equipment to the Irish healthcare service increased dramatically. Worldwide, government departments and private companies clambered to source large volumes of PPE, and raw material demand caused product shortages and price increases.

Why Irema?

Irema commenced contract mask manufacturing in 1986 in Kilmallock, Co. Limerick and now operates manufacturing facilities in both Kilmallock and Thailand. Promedicare has provided PPE to the Irish healthcare market for over 13 years and has been supplying Irema respirator masks, along with fit training and fit testing into Irish clinical settings for several years.



In response to the unprecedented need for surgical and respirator masks, Irema responded by quadrupling its workforce in a short period of time, invested in additional production lines and increased production capacity by scaling up to a 24 x 7 working week. The fact that Irema manufactures its own melt blown media in Ireland ensured that they could produce - and provide a continuous supply of respirator and surgical masks.

Results

- Promedicare supplied 1.2 million Irema Facemate surgical masks weekly to the HSE
- Promedicare supplied 400,000 Facemate FFP2 respirator masks to the HSE weekly
- Irema masks are CE certified, meet EU standards and are MDR compliant

"Our long term established partnership with Irema meant that we trusted the team to deliver CE approved masks at every stage. Being an Irish manufacturer able to meet the extraordinary demand of PPE over the past 18 months has been an outstanding accomplishment by Irema."

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