



Statement from ICDM Regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic and Continuance of Essential Business Operations

The International Confederation of Drum Manufacturers (ICDM) members are manufacturers of new steel drums and will continue their operations during the COVID-19 pandemic as “Essential Businesses” that are critical to world’s supply chain. ICDM members supply packaging that is used to transport and store goods that are part of the critical manufacturing sector supply chain. Our members and their suppliers manufacture packaging that, without which, essential items, such as food, healthcare products, energy and chemicals, could not continue to be provided to these sectors. Disruptions in the availability of these goods would cause significant hardships to consumers across the world who depend on these products that are vital to everyday life.

The Industrial Steel Drum Institute has issued a separate statement that you can [view here](#).

The European Association of Steel Drum Manufacturers has issued a statement that you can [view here](#).

The International Confederation of Drum Manufacturers (ICDM) is an international association of nonprofit organizations representing the world's premier manufacturers of steel drums.

Our containers ship both hazardous and non-hazardous materials, providing the greatest balance of safety, strength, environmental responsibility and cost efficiency of any container manufactured in the world. The aim, object and scope of the Association is to establish an international forum to promote the safe and efficient manufacturing and use of new steel drums and pails, to encourage environmentally sound practices in the management of the packaging life cycle, and to promote the image and interests of the steel drum and pail business.