Protect American Citizens: Buy U.S.-Made PPE

Have you heard of the Berry Amendment? Originally passed in 1941 and made permanent in 1994, the Berry Amendment (USC, Title 10, Section 2533a) maintains the safety and security of our defense forces by requiring the Department of Defense to buy domestically produced, manufactured, or grown products whenever possible, specifically in the areas of food, clothing, specialty metals, and fabrics.

We suggest that all other government entities, hospitals, front line workers and others should follow the spirit of the Berry Amendment and buy PPE products only from U.S. companies. This is vitally important to ensure the adequate protection of our citizens' health. There have been so many ineffective and counterfeit PPE products flooding in from overseas that the Customs Department had to establish a special operation to investigate and combat the problem. Purchasing PPE from trusted domestic manufacturers is the only way to truly know that you are getting what you have been promised.

US Meltblown produces top quality, rigorously tested melt blown polypropylene that is competitively priced. It is made from raw materials produced in the U.S. and processed on equipment that is designed, manufactured, and machined here with advanced machining techniques used in domestic high tech industries. Our factory in Florida operates 24/7/365 to meet demand.

Aside from doing the right thing by supporting the U.S. economy and ensuring the safety of U.S. citizens, there are many advantages to purchasing melt blown polypropylene from US Meltblown. Since we are located in the United States, there are no shipping delays and no container load minimums. Our product comes with a Certificate of Quality and Conformance; since we are a direct source, there is no potential for getting counterfeit material. USMB polypropylene is sold by master roll or slitted (175mm or 260mm), and quantities as little as one roll can be ordered. We pay freight for single deliveries of one ton or more. You can request monthly, quarterly, and annual volumes, and you can set delivery preferences. We stand behind our product and are just a phone call away.

"We have done our part by establishing a reliable, domestic source for this vitally important PPE material," said US Meltblown Founder and CEO Robert Sires. "We are asking others to do their part by purchasing PPE products from companies here in the United States, thereby supporting the economy and better protecting American citizens."

US Meltblown is America's trusted manufacturing source for critical filter material, setting the standard for this vital material used in personal protective equipment such as medical grade masks. We continue to fulfill our vision to protect families, healthcare workers, first responders, and workers in industry with American-made melt blown nonwoven polypropylene. US Meltblown is proud to provide this top quality critical filtering medium made in Florida from raw materials produced in the United States and processed on equipment that is built in the U.S. and operated by American workers. USMB polypropylene meets criteria for use in masks rated N95 and higher and is static charged to provide additional protection. Quality is assured through

rigorous in-house testing. We sell by the master roll or slitted (175mm or 260mm). For more information, contact Ty Whitacre at 1-260-438-4491 / <u>TWhitacre@usmeltblown.com</u> or visit <u>www.usmeltblown.com</u>.