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## **Brexit Statement**

The United Kingdom left the European Union on 31 January 2020 and the transition period is due to end on 31 December 2020. As it is looking increasingly likely that there will not be a trade deal with the European Union, we as a business have undertaken a Brexit readiness assessment. As part of this we have focussed on the potential effects to our supply chain, employees and our ability to maintain service levels

Shortages of raw materials and finished products coming into the UK caused by customs checks and delays at borders would cause us significant problems delivering a high-quality service to our customers. As part of the Brexit readiness assessment, we have approached our key supply partners and manufacturers to understand what measures they have and are putting in place.

Our key suppliers have all demonstrated to us that they have undertaken extensive Brexit risk assessments and have their own plans in place.

We have seen evidence from our key merchant partners and manufacturers of increasing stock holding of finished goods and raw materials in the UK to act as a buffer against import delays. Key suppliers have all demonstrated that they have completed all necessary registrations for import duties and reporting in the case that this is required.

We are confident that the measures in place with our supply chain will mitigate the risks and we are well placed to maintain effective service to our customers. We remain in constant contact with our key procurement partners and any updates received are acted on immediately.

Our workforce is predominantly made up of UK nationals. Where employees are nationals of other EU countries, they have all applied for settled status.

Having completed our Brexit readiness assessment, we believe Blue Flame is well positioned to continue to deliver excellent service to our customers. While the future trading relations remain uncertain, we will continue to review our position as the UK/EU trade talks progress.

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