



TOPS FOODS AND ETIMEX: READY MEALS FOR WORLDWIDE USE ABOVE AND BELOW THE CLOUDS

TOPS Foods, a company located in Belgium, combines the finest ingredients with a worldwide patented production process in order to create tasty, nutritious and safe ready meals that meet the stringent requirements of the inflight, retail and healthcare markets.

It does not come as a surprise that for its primary packaging solutions, TOPS Foods relies on ETIMEX Primary Packaging GmbH in Dietenheim, one of the leading producers of PP and CPET ready meal trays. The fair and successful partnership between the two companies has lasted for many years. Only recently Michel Tops, managing director of TOPS Foods, and Martin Rank, Head of Sales & Marketing of ETIMEX, have confirmed to continue this successful cooperation.

"For us it is important to have a reliable and equal partner who offers top-quality products, develops trend-setting packaging and conscientiously approaches the topics of environment and sustainability while providing corresponding solutions. ETIMEX offers it all", says Michel Tops. A statement which Martin Rank can fully reaffirm: "TOPS Foods uses our 100% recyclable PP barrier ready meal trays, and thus absolutely follows the trend towards sustainable packaging solutions. Even today a major part of ETIMEX products is 100% recyclable. Additionally, we offer our customers oven-safe CPET trays that can be detected in sorting units of recyclers in order to be fed into a separate cycle. Our deliveries are primarily made by a range of leading logistics specialists focusing on reducing CO2 by employing a fleet of modern vehicles.

The latest product of TOPS Foods is Multi-Start: liquid food for people with swallowing difficulties – a product innovation that has been developed in close cooperation with two Belgian universities. Each meal weighs 285 g and contains 400 kcal. TOPS Multi-Start is made of fresh ingredients, contains a unique swallowing activator and has a proven positive effect when it comes to malnutrition and better healing of wounds. It is produced in ETIMEX PP barrier trays under licence and supervision of TOPS Nutrition for Care and, thanks to TOPS' worldwide patented microwave technology, has a storage life of 21 days when cooled and is delivered to customers all over Europe.

ETIMEX Primary Packaging is one of the leading manufacturers of plastics packaging and has recently supplemented its product portfolio by sealing films. ETIMEX sealing films are used in form fill seal (FFS) systems and traysealers for PP barrier and CPET applications and are marketed under the Lamiseal brandname. This new product range provides ETIMEX customers with a "one-shop solution" consisting of thermoforming sheet or trays and a fitting sealing film – a novelty in the packaging industry!

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