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COVID-19: RENAULT TRUCKS SUPPORTS TRUCK DRIVERS, EVERYDAY HEROES

As with the flow of goods, Renault Trucks' support for hauliers knows no borders, irrespective of the make of truck. Under its "Drivers are heroes" slogan, the manufacturer has ramped up initiatives in just about every area in which it operates, to help drivers who heroically continue to travel thousands of kilometres to supply towns and cities with basic necessities, without being able to find a place to eat.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis and the resulting global lockdown, truckers everywhere have been encountering the same difficulties when it comes to food. Restaurants and truck stops have closed, including in motorway service stations, where the food and service areas are no longer available. Against this backdrop, and to support its customers and hauliers in general, Renault Trucks has been setting up, with its partner distributors, food trucks to serve truckers meals free of charge.

"Whatever the make of their truck," explained Christophe Martin, Managing Director of Renault Trucks France, "we really want to provide assistance for our customers and the entire trucker community. These meals are a way of supporting them so they can continue with their work, which is essential for society as a whole to operate effectively".

More than a third of the Renault Trucks France network has set up daily food and drink distribution operations, directly within the confines of their garages located on main roads. Nearly 500 meals have been served without charge to drivers since April 20. "We thought that on May 11th, with the end of the strict lockdown in France, demand would dry up, but the opposite is happening, as other garages are joining the movement and drivers continue to flock to them," explained Christophe Martin, aware of the brand's social responsibility.

In Switzerland, coffee and croissants, followed by hot dogs and hamburgers were offered to passing truck drivers along the A1 motorway, in three different car parks, Birrfeld, Hurst and St-Prex. According to Tarcis Berberat, Managing Director of Renault Trucks Switzerland, "It is drivers, through their unwavering commitment, that have laid the foundations that will get us through this unprecedented crisis.

In particular, they have supplied hospitals with vital medical equipment. Our initiative is intended to express our gratitude and unfailing support to them".

In Spain, the Renault Trucks subsidiary also had the foresight to position a food truck in the strategic location of MercaMurcia, one of the largest wholesale markets in Spain, to distribute free drinks and snacks to drivers delivering their goods. As François Bottinelli, Managing Director of Renault Trucks Spain pointed out, "Our vehicles support global food production and distribution and enable essential goods to be transported. Our place is alongside the hauliers who drive the trucks, to make their job as easy as possible".

Assistance for hauliers has not been limited to food however. Protective equipment has also been donated to delivery drivers who are potentially exposed to the virus during loading and unloading operations.

In the Netherlands, garages have distributed 1,100 bottles of hydro-alcoholic gel and in Israel, 1,500 masks in the brand's colours are systematically handed out to customers and drivers who enter the workshops throughout the country.

In addition to this support for truckers, other solidarity initiatives have been introduced since the end of March by Renault Trucks employees to help front-line workers fighting the Covid-19 virus.

As hospitals were running out of protective clothing, 160 volunteer employees started making disposable plastic aprons from home, at a rate of 12,000 aprons per day. As of 14 May, more than 400,000 aprons have been delivered to the Hospices Civils de Lyon and the Regional Health Agency.

Similarly, disposable gowns, which are more complex to make on account of the sleeves, are produced by fifty volunteer employees working part-time on the Lyon-Vénissieux site (France) or at home, at a rate of 1,600 units per day, making a total of over 25,000 gowns as of 14 May. In addition to this equipment, thirty-six volunteer employees have rallied together for the 3D printing of visors and protective glasses, producing 1,800 units per week.

Last but not least, as solidarity knows no bounds, sponsorship agreements have been signed in France, Romania, Hungary and the Netherlands between Renault Trucks and the Red Cross and other aid organisations to provide the vehicles needed to deliver emergency health equipment and food supplies.

About Renault Trucks

Building on a legacy of more than a century of innovative French truck know-how, Renault Trucks supplies transport professionals with a range of vehicles (from 2.8 to 120 t) and services appropriate for distribution, construction and long-distance transport. Renault Trucks vehicles are sturdy and reliable with low fuel consumption enables them to deliver greater productivity and control operating costs. Renault Trucks distributes and maintains its vehicles via a network comprising more than 1,400 service outlets worldwide. The design and assembly of Renault Trucks vehicles, as well as the production of most components, is carried out in France.

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