

## **“Make PPE in America Act” Mandates a Shift to U.S.-Based PPE Supply Chain**

The Covid-19 pandemic has exposed the lack of domestic production of PPE (personal protective equipment), which makes this U.S. supply chain extremely vulnerable. **The new “Make PPE in America Act,” part of the just-signed Infrastructure Bill,** is an admission of this vulnerability and **addresses the fact that the United States requires a robust, secure and wholly domestic PPE supply chain** to safeguard public health and national security.

**Beginning 90 days from today’s Infrastructure Bill signature,** and to ensure sustainment and expansion of PPE manufacturing in the U.S., **the new act requires that any contract for procurement shall:**

- Be issued for a duration of 3 years to incentivize investment in the production and the materials and components in the United States.
- **Be for Personal Protective Equipment that: Is grown, reprocessed or produced in the United States, and when assembled outside the U.S., contains only materials and components that are grown, reprocessed, reused or produced in the United States.**

**We at US Meltblown can meet your meltblown needs and the requirements of this new act 100%. We built our business around this strategy and offer 100% Made-in-America meltblown polypropylene.**

- 1) We MAKE all our meltblown in America from American-made components!**
- 2) We installed a brand new meltblown production line, fully operational 6 months after Covid-19 became a pandemic in the United States.
- 3) Intertek has tested and we are “PASS” for ASTM F2100 Level 1, 2, 3 and NIOSH 42 CFR 84 Subpart K (N95).**
- 4) Just last week we doubled production capacity to meet anticipated demand under this new “Make PPE in America Act.”
- 5) We are committed to quadrupling our capabilities within the 90-day period after today’s signature of the Infrastructure Bill.

Please note that this is NOT the same “Made in America” or “Made in USA” provision per the FTC guidelines which allows percentages of product to be sourced with resources from overseas. In the strongest sense, **this new “Make PPE in America Act” is a mandate that the ingredients must be 100% made in the United States.** This seismic change is needed to ensure the supply chain physically moves to and will now be controlled within the United States.

“This is the first step in a long-term strategy that is critically needed to permanently onshore PPE production to ensure our nation is prepared for the next health security crisis,” said NCTO (National Council of Textile Organizations) President and CEO Kim Glas. “This infrastructure package will help incentivize the reshoring of PPE production by guaranteeing long-term federal contracts and expanding Berry Amendment rules to more federal agencies’ purchases of PPE products, important priorities of the U.S. textile industry.”

“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. 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. For more information, contact Ty Whitacre at 1-260-438-4491 / TWhitacre@usmeltblown.com or visit [www.usmeltblown.com](http://www.usmeltblown.com).