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**Only Vacuum Filler with 3-A Certificate Authorization**  
***to be unveiled at International Cheese Tech Expo***

Lake Forest, IL February 07, 2018 – Tom Kittle, president of the Handtmann US and Canadian operations, today announced the availability of Handtmann’s new VF 800 D vacuum filler series for the dairy industry.



The Handtmann VF 800 D vacuum filler models developed specifically for dairy processing have received 3-A Certificate Authorization #3615 for conforming to 3-A Sanitary Standards #2306 (Equipment for Packaging Viscous Products).

The global unveiling of the VF 800 D vacuum filler will occur at International Cheese Tech Expo in April. “We are located in Lake Forest, IL, and I am pleased that our US operation has been chosen for the worldwide debut of this new generation of equipment,” said Kittle. “And, I’m particularly happy we can unveil the VF 800 D so close to home at the International Cheese Tech Expo,” he added.

This purpose-built line of dairy vacuum fillers represents a new, long-term global focus on the dairy industry by Albert Handtmann Maschinenfabrik GmbH & Co.KG Handtmann and “was made possible by a significant research and development commitment from our parent company,” said Kittle.

The VF 800 D truly is an idea for the future. Numerous technological advancements and design innovations allow the VF 800 D to meet the rigorous 3-A sanitation standards and are not found in any other vacuum filler on the market. “We are proud that the VF 800 D so aggressively supports the next-generation levels of hygienic processing while also delivering the reliably precise portioning that has been a generational hallmark for Handtmann.”

The VF 800 D has also been designed with high levels of operational scalability and production flexibility so processors can increase their throughput as needed and more efficiently meet the ever-growing consumer demand for new products without purchasing additional vacuum fillers.

The VF 800-D series is built on Handtmann’s advanced VF 800 platform that was honored at the most recent IFFA show with the MEAT TECHNOLOGY AWARD and the FLEISCHER-HANDWERK AWARD by the MEAT TECHNOLOGY and FLEISCHER-HANDWERK trade journals for an innovative advancement that is “... creating a long-term advantage for the production processes of meat.” Specifically, the jury noted that VF 800 vacuum fillers offer “industrial and small-scale customers diverse added value with respect to capacity, productivity, service life, handling, flexibility, running and energy costs, as well as safety and hygiene.”

“So,” Kittle said, “adding the authorization for conforming to 3-A Sanitary Standards #2306, the viscous products standard, to such a proven and award winning vacuum filling platform really does represent another quantum production advancement that our Handtmann team is proud to offer the dairy industry.”


## Company Overview

*Handtmann is a leading global technology solutions provider to the food processing industry that specializes in best-in-class portioning, dividing, depositing, forming and filling equipment. Handtmann solutions provide practical value with innovative design, the strictest manufacturing standards and rugged processing technology known for operational accuracy, safety and reliability. The Handtmann group is a family owned business established and headquartered in Biberach, Germany since 1873.*

*Handtmann's food service group serves the meat, bakery, dairy and pet food processing industries with wholly-owned independent sales and service subsidiaries in the United States and Canada. Handtmann solutions are becoming more valuable in the soft cheese category as markets grow and competitive performance requires even safer, faster and more accurate portioning.*

*In addition to Maschinenfabrik, Handtmann's global divisions include Light Metal Casting, Plant Engineering, Machining Automation, Plastics Engineering and Systems Engineering divisions that serve industries as diverse as automotive, pharmaceuticals and bio-technology.*



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THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT	
Albert Handtmann Maschinenfabrik GmbH & Co.KG Hubertus-Liebrecht-Str. 10-12, Biberach 88400, Germany	
is hereby authorized to continue to apply the 3-A Symbol to the models of equipment, conforming to 3-A Sanitary Standards for:	
Number 23-06 23-06 (Equipment for Packaging Viscous Products)	
set forth below	
COP/Manual Cleaning Models: Vacuum filler models VF 830 D; VF 838S D; VF 840 D; VF 842 D; VF 848S D; no auxiliary equipment such as clippers or conveyors are included.	
VALID THROUGH: <b>December 31, 2018</b>	
Timothy R. Rugh Executive Director 3-A Sanitary Standards, Inc.	
The issuance of this authorization for the use of the 3-A Symbol is based upon the voluntary certification, by the applicant for it, that the equipment listed above complies fully with the 3-A Sanitary Standard(s) designated. Legal responsibility for compliance is solely that of the holder of this Certificate of Authorization, and 3-A Sanitary Standards, Inc. does not warrant that the holder of an authorization at all times complies with the provisions of the said 3-A Sanitary Standards. This in no way affects the responsibility of 3-A Sanitary Standards, Inc. to take appropriate action in such cases in which evidence of nonconformance has been established.	
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