

Civil contingency and hot food

The need to prepare for facing a variety of emergency situations has increased a great deal over recent times. This is mainly due to the threat of terrorist activity or extreme weather conditions. The standard choices for contingency food storage (if made) are long-life food items such as tinned or dried products. However, Hot Pack® Self Heating Meals offer a hot, good tasting meal inside 12 minutes, with no cooker, microwave or fire required.

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Background

We are a company that originally set out to supply self-heating meals to the emergency services, where there was, and still is, a need to provide hot food at various incidents, or for duties where personnel are required to work



outside in difficult circumstances. Hot Pack and Action Pack Self Heating Meals can help sustain energy requirements and offer some sort of motivation to hard stretched rescue or police personnel in a wide variety of situations. The Metropolitan Police have been using our products since 1996 for these reasons, and many other police regions and fire services around the UK, Ireland and Canada have been doing the same over the past 10 years. However, we now get corporations that are stocking Hot Pack in case there is a terrorist attack or another reason why they could be confined to their offices. The Department for International Development (DfID) keeps stock for emergency call-out of their personnel to overseas crisis points. Some Emergency Planners have started to take stock or have placed us on their list of suppliers for civil emergencies.

The product

Hot Pack is suited to being stored in a cool, dry place or on a vehicle for instant access wherever the meals are needed. We use good quality ready to eat meals in our products, which have a shelf-life of three years from production. These taste good, are totally sealed in soft aluminium pouches and are sterile until opened. Each compact pack weighs just over 400g. We pack 24 meals into a case, giving a total weight of 11kg.

Every Hot Pack contains a recently developed non-magnesium flameless heater, which is activated with a small amount of water, also

Providing a hot meal wherever it is needed...

included in the pack. With cutlery, a serviette and a dish, each Hot Pack is truly self-contained, allowing the user to be able to produce and enjoy a tasty hot meal in about 10-12 minutes. The Hot Pack non-magnesium flameless heater is safe and easy to use. Recently, we needed to assure one of our export customers that the heater was not suitable for creating a destructive device. We were able to give this reassurance because our heater does not contain magnesium. The long shelf-life and easy storage mean that Hot Pack is an ideal civil contingency item.

The company

Canland UK (Hot Pack) Ltd was established in 1994, and Hot Pack was launched onto the market in Canada and the UK in 1995. Since then, thousands of people have used Hot Pack® or Action Pack® regularly to help provide a morale boosting hot meal anywhere it is needed. Canland UK is a member of APPSS (Association of Police and Public Security Suppliers) and is a registered supplier to the UN.



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