

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

**OBJECT: SHUT DOWN OF KNIFE FACTORY & PREVISION FOR NEXT 8 MONTHS**

To all our IMS clients,

Please note that our slicer / Super Surfacers knives **inventories are down to 0 for all our slicer knives and for most of nose bar.**

→ We need to make sure you order now for the next ± 8 months.

- **TARIFFS information**

With the current economic situation, and the knives coming from Japan, we have taken the decision to not make more inventory without orders, to avoid tariffs the most we can if unnecessary (as inventory is in USA). Please keep in mind that any tariff fee will be charge for all future import of knives or nose bar, as they are coming from Japan to our USA warehouse.

- **HEAT TREATMENT FACILITY WILL BE IN SHUT DOWN**

Also, we have been informed from **supplier of slicer knives and nose bar that their heat treatment facility will be in shut down from November 2025 through January 2026.** During the maintenance period, they will not be able to manufacture slicer knives and nose bar.

But production volume will surely be high for some months before and after maintenance period so delivery time may be significantly longer.

Supplier said they will manufacture knives and nose bar before the maintenance if **ordered max by end of July 2025.**

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## • PREVISIONS

We suppose long delivery time and shortages of knives and nose bar will affect your veneer production.

**So if you have knives & nose bar needs, we strongly recommend to:**

- Order prior to the end of July
- Make sure you order enough for at least the next 8 months if you order end of July
- (outside of November from January) Send us an order at least 4-5 months in advance as this might be the delivery time

Minimum qty will be 2 knives per order.

We want to make sure you don't end up with no knives for an extended period of time, and that your veneers production will not be affected by this situation.

Please share with us knives & nose bar prevision needs so we can make a plan together.

Contact will be: [coraline.patrigeon@industrialmachinerysales.net](mailto:coraline.patrigeon@industrialmachinerysales.net)

Thanks for your understanding.

Best regards,

**FROM IMS DIRECTION**