

India-Pakistan conflict

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Concerning the conflict between India and Pakistan and any impact on supply chain of raw materials.

The areas affected by the recent military clashes are in the northern part of India bordering Pakistan (Punjab, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Kashmir). There is currently a ceasefire in place leading to de-escalation.

The raw materials and ingredients which Lionel Hitchen sources from India are harvested and processed in the south of the country and operations have continued as normal throughout this recent increase in tensions. Shipment of products is typically from Kochi seaport and airport in the southwest of India where there is currently no disruption.

Additionally, Lionel Hitchen already has an inventory policy to hold significant stock for any materials sourced from India. We have reviewed stocks of our raw materials, and we do not currently anticipate any issues for finished products or raw materials. This policy will also protect our customers from any short-term impact on logistics routes.

We would like to reassure our customers that we are taking every reasonable step to mitigate any potential impact to our business and supplies to our customers because of this and we continue to keep the situation under review.

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