# Market Update – January 2023

- Globanone Supply Stabilized
  - Symrise has increased capacity in the facility that produces Globanone.
- Clove Leaf Oil Supply Affected by Weather
  - Weather fluctuations in the main harvesting regions led to lower raw material output and lower eugenol content (below 70%).
  - This is affecting the pricing of clove derivatives such as Eugenol.
- China Anticipates Covid Surge After Ending "Zero Covid" Restrictions
  - A Covid surge has begun in China which is causing manufacturing delays and shutdowns.
- Russia Banned Sales of Oil to Countries Imposing Price Cap
  - NATO and Allies bar shipping, financing, and insuring of Russian crude if it is sold for more than \$60/barrel.
- Chinese New Year Celebration to Cause Supply Chain Interruptions
  - Manufacturing and shipping sectors will be closed from Jan 21<sup>st</sup> to Jan 29<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the Chinese New Year.
- Costs of Packaging Materials Remains Fluid
  - Steel pricing has increased 10% in the past two months.
  - Plastic/resin prices remain elevated.



### **Globanone Supply Stabilizes**

Summary – Symrise increased production of Globanone in Q3 2022.

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- Globanone has been in short supply in the marketplace for over a year.
- Symrise increased capacity of the main manufacturing facility that produces Globanone.
- Purchasing Comments
  - This increase in production solves a major supply chain disruption.







## Weather Affects Clove Leaf Oil Supply



**Summary** – Weather conditions in Indonesia caused lower raw material output for Clove and created lower Eugenol content.

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- High rainfall in Java and Sulawesi, the main harvesting regions for Clove, led to lower raw material output.
- The weather also caused the Eugenol content to be lower than usual- below 70%.
- Purchasing Comments
  - The price of Clove will remain stable but inflated. This will affect pricing for all Clove derivatives such as Eugenol.





### China Anticipates Covid Surge After Ending Restrictions

Summary – A Covid surge in China is causing sporadic manufacturing delays and shutdowns.

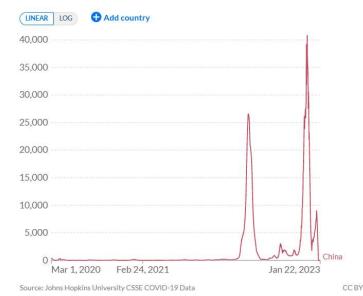
- Detail
  - After China abruptly reverses its "Zero Covid" restrictions due to citizen protests, a Covid surge seems possible.
  - After 3 years of "Zero Covid" policy, there is concern that a pandemic will surge through the country since few have been vaccinated or gained any natural immunity.
- Purchasing Comments
  - A pandemic surge in China will likely cause manufacturing shutdowns and delays.



7-day rolling average. Due to limited testing, the number of confirmed cases is lower than the true number of infections.

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### Russia Bans Sales of Oil to Countries Imposing Price Cap



Summary – Russia reacts to NATO's price cap and bans sale of oil to Western Europe.

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- NATO and Allies bar shipping, financing, and insuring of Russian crude for any price above \$60/barrel.
- This limits the amount of revenue Russia can collect on its oil.
- In response, Russia bans sale to Western countries that participate in this price cap.

#### • Purchasing Comments

• This could limit the energy supply to Europe which is already under pressure and create additional manufacturing cuts for large manufacturers there.

#### Crude prices weaken as cap on Russian oil launches

Benchmark prices near 2022 lows, hit by economic outlook worries, steady OPEC+ output plans, China COVID-19 curbs, anticipation of G7 \$60/barrel price cap on Russian seaborne crude



Note: Daily closing futures prices Source: Datastream, Refinitiv Eikon



### Chinese New Year to Interrupt Supply Chain



Summary – Chinese New Year is January 21<sup>st</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup> and many businesses shut down.

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- Manufacturing and shipping sectors in China shut down in observance of this national holiday.
- There is concern that as people visit with family to celebrate this important holiday the Covid surge will spread rapidly.
- Purchasing Comments
  - Widespread business closures will affect all areas of manufacturing and shipping in China.





## **Costs of Packaging Materials Remains Fluid**



Summary – Steel prices have increased 10% and plastic/resin prices remain elevated.

Detail

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- The supply of steel has generally stabilized since the shortage seen early in the pandemic.
- Current market volatility is related to concerns that China may soon need to shut down parts of the market sector due to the affects of Covid.
- Crude and natural gas, raw materials for resin, are in short supply due to foreign sanctions imposed on Russia.

#### Purchasing Comments

• Our team works closely with suppliers to mitigate the affects this has on the raw material cost.



