

# Associazione Italiana Fornitori Macchine ed Accessori per la Lavorazione del Vetro

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To whom it may concern,

The whole world is currently facing crises that were unthinkable just a few months ago. After a couple months of lockdown and extreme sacrifices, Italy's economy is beginning to rebound and face the long road to recovery. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for the entire world. In many countries, the pandemic is still in the first phase and the authorities are seeking the best way to keep public debt under control while at the same time, to jump-start the economy.

Against this backdrop, many trade show organizers are asking exhibitors to confirm their participation in the shows scheduled in the coming months. Based on currently available information, we are convinced that the emergency will not be fully resolved by year's end. This situation will restrict the overall flow of goods and people, making it impossible to organize successful events, not to mention the participation of many exhibitors and, above all, visitors.

We truly believe that the safety of everyone involved in the events – the organizers, companies and participants – comes before all else and the risk of exposing them to infection is still too high. Furthermore, we must also consider the risk of possible lawsuits, with damages in the millions, in the event of viral contagion arising at an event.

For these reasons and on behalf of the entire Italian glass industry, we ask that all the shows to be held in 2020 be cancelled. As difficult as it is for organizers to make this decision, we believe it is impossible for us exhibitors to participate in the events scheduled for 2020 in the same way as at past editions. On the other hand, we are also convinced that, no matter how crucial the trade shows on the calendar for 2020 are, the conditions to organize a safe, successful edition simply do not exist.

Which is why we, along with the companies that have voluntarily decided to support this position, hereby announce that it makes no sense for Italian exhibitors to participate in any show organized prior to the end of 2020 and that, in any case, this is our stance: whether the organizers cancel the scheduled events or not.

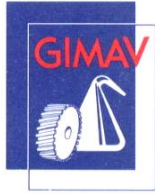
At the same time, we strongly recommend that the organizers consider the fact that the 2021 calendar of glass industry exhibitions is already quite full, both in terms of the number of events normally scheduled for the year as well as the 2020 events that have already been postponed.

Thus, in the best interests of all the exhibitors and of the trade show business itself, we ask that you refrain from further postponements and respect the existing calendar for all of 2021.

The position stated is staunchly supported by GIMAV and by all the member companies that have signed the statement, as indicated in the list that follows.

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## List of members who have signed in support of the GIMAV position:

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