Retail Supply Chain Update
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Meat companies concede that not all plant workers can socially distance

- Smithfield Foods, the world’s biggest pork processor, said workers cannot be socially distant in all areas of its plants, in response to US senators who pressed meat packers on coronavirus outbreaks in slaughterhouses.
- Democratic Senators Elizabeth Warren and Cory Booker last month said Smithfield, Tyson Foods Inc, JBS USA and Cargill Inc had put workers in harm’s way to maintain production.
- Smithfield, in a 30 June response made public on Friday, said it erected physical barriers and took other steps to protect workers in areas where social distancing is impossible.
- Tyson told the senators it decreased the number of employees on production lines and created barriers or required face shields in areas where employees cannot be distanced.

FDA expands list of potentially contaminated hand sanitizers to 77

- The FDA has expanded its list of recalled hand sanitizers to 77 due to the potential presence of Methanol, a chemical that can have toxic effects if ingested.
- A full list of the recalled sanitizers can be found here.