

Karlshamns implements global operational organisation in the Edible Oils Business Area.

As a result of its recently completed strategic review of Karlshamns AB, the Board of Directors has announced the pending implementation of a global, functional organisation in the Edible Oils Business Area. This business area has operations in Sweden, Holland and England. The new organisation will be formed in the next few weeks.

- A global organisation with operational focus will ensure the optimum co-ordination of our market penetration, says Managing Director Jan Elmeklo. We will make better use of our refineries in Sweden, Holland and England as each production plant specialises in different products, Jan Elmeklo explains.

- The decision by the European Union to allow the use of up to five percent vegetable fat in chocolate will most likely be followed by similar legislation in other countries. At the same time the number of multinational customers continues to grow, while the food industry is becoming increasingly international. A global sales organisation will thus be better equipped for the requirements of our customers, adds Johan Sandberg who is now taking up the position of Marketing Manager of the Edible Oils Business Area.

Mr Dick de Best, Managing Director of Karlshamns BV in Zaandijk, has decided to leave his position. This as a result of constructive consultation with the Board of Directors of Karlshamns AB. Mr de Best has during a period of eight years managed the strategic changes of the company successfully to the extent that today the company is strong and well prepared for its task in the future.

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Karlshamns is one of the world's four leading producers of advanced vegetable speciality fats. Karlshamns delivers speciality fats all over the world, and is market leader in Scandinavia and Eastern Europe. The food industry is Karlshamns' major customer segment and Sweden is the single largest market.