

## **Press Release from Esselte AB** 2002-06-11

## **Esselte transfers production from Denmark to Poland.**

Esselte has decided to transfer the remaining production in Randers, Denmark to Esselte's plant in Poland as soon as possible. It is not possible to maintain a cost efficient production in Denmark in comparison with competition and other Esselte manufacturing units. As earlier announced, the extension of the Polish plant was finalised at the end of last year and this unit continues to play a larger role in the European manufacturing operations.

These actions form part of the earlier announced streamlining of the supply chain in Europe by efficiency improvements and a further concentration to fewer plants.

This transfer will affect approximately 130 employees in total.

The cost for these planned measures of approximately SEK 70 million are already provided for in earlier reserved restructuring costs.

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