

PRESS RELEASE

Aenova expands with new gummy line for pharma and food grade

Starnberg, 30 August 2024 – Aenova, one of the world's leading CDMOs (Contract Development and Manufacturing Organizations) for the pharmaceutical and healthcare industries, is implementing a new gummy line at its site in Cornu, Romania. Gummies are quickly emerging as the dosage form of choice for many food supplements and even pharmaceutical applications. The new gummy line will be launched by the end of 2024 with a capacity of approximately 1 billion gummies per year.

The global gummy supplements market has reached a value of over \$ 9 billion in 2023 and is expected to grow to \$ 18.2 billion by 2033. The surge in demand for gummies (chewable gels) is driven by a number of benefits related to convenience, indulgence, and efficacy.

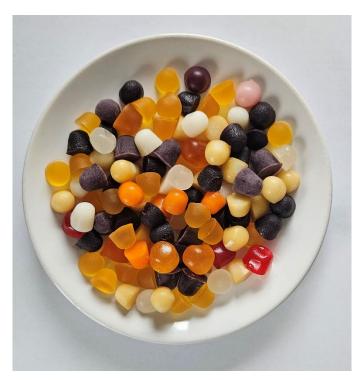
Aenova's new gummy line addresses this market with a complete, state-of-the-art production area for gummies, including bottle packaging, which has been developed with an investment of approximately € 8 million. The manufacturing process is starchless and offers food and pharmaceutical grade (GMP) production for gelatin and pectin formulations with halal, kosher, and vegan options available. Format settings can be tailored to suit a range of sizes and shapes. The new line, with a capacity of approximately one billion gummies per year, is scheduled to go live at the end of 2024.

While gummies are helpful for children and anyone who has difficulty swallowing or digesting medications, adults enjoy them as well. Specialized gummy formulas can address specific needs such as immune system support, bone health, digestive issues, pain, sleep, or antioxidants. Gummies release their active ingredients when they are chewed and their flavor can mask unpleasant tastes and odors, providing a much more enjoyable experience than



traditional pills. With formulas that are free of artificial colors, flavors or even sugar, they also offer vegan-friendly options that use pectin as a base, giving consumers a health-conscious choice.

"Our new gummy area offers our customers a brand-new platform that will facilitate our entry into an attractive market and allow our company to gain a competitive edge in terms of experience, flexibility, and market presence. With over 40 years of experience in gelatin cooking and handling, Aenova offers excellent standards of hygiene, efficiency, and product quality", comments Michael Ammann, Managing Director Site Cornu / Vice President Operations Softgel Capsules at the Aenova Group.



The new starch free gummy line at Aenova's Cornu site will produce up to 1 billion gummies per year (Photo: Aenova)



About the Aenova Group

The Aenova Group is a leading global contract manufacturer and development service provider for the pharmaceutical and healthcare industry. As a one-stop shop, Aenova develops, produces, and packages all common dosage forms, product groups and active ingredient classes from pharmaceuticals to food supplements for human and animal health: solid, semi-solid and liquid, sterile and non-sterile, high and low dosage, OEB 1 to 5 (Occupational Exposure Band). Around 4,000 employees at 14 locations in Europe and the USA contribute to the company's success. Further information can be found at www.aenova-group.com.

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