

PRESS RELEASE

PROVISIONS INTERNATIONAL: A NEW ERA OF EXCELLENCE IN FINE FOOD PRODUCTS WITH ACQUISITION BY INDUSTRY LEADERS.

Greetings

White River Junction, VT - November, 2023 - Provisions International, known for its premium food offerings including fine cheese, charcuterie, extra virgin olive oils, and ingredients from around the globe utilized by the best restaurants in the region, proudly announces its acquisition by industry veterans **James Gordon of Upper Valley Produce** and **Éric Frechette of Taste of the North**.

Provisions International, a trusted source of high-quality food products, regularly supplies restaurants, food cooperatives, independent grocers, and specialty stores across Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, New York, Massachusetts, and the Greater Boston area. The company has forged valuable partnerships with New England cheesemakers, reinforcing its dedication to local producers.

Wendy Hallgren, the founder of Provisions International, expressed her confidence in the acquisition, stating, *"James and Eric have built two amazing companies, Upper Valley Produce and Taste of the North, both of which serve many of the same customers with the same attention to detail and customer service that Provisions does. The similarities between all three companies, along with their dedication to customer service and support of producers/vendors, echo the core values of Provisions. That James and Eric came along, not wanting to see Provisions dissolve, was a blessing!"*

The management team of Provisions International also shared their excitement about the acquisition, stating, *"We are thrilled to welcome James Gordon and Éric Frechette as the new owners of Provisions International. Their expertise and industry knowledge will undoubtedly propel our Provisions International to even greater heights. With their combined resources, we can expand our product offerings, improve distribution efficiency, and continue delivering exceptional service to our valued customers."*

Provisions International takes pride in its dedicated and knowledgeable staff, and provides the finest local, domestic and imported products. With James Gordon and Éric Frechette on board, the company looks to strengthen its position as a premier food supplier in Vermont and neighboring regions.

Sincerely,

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