En Route International launches "Street Eats" frozen calzone range



The new Street Eats range offers three different traditional flavours, with colourful packaging and details

<u>En Route</u> is releasing a frozen calzone range, specifically designed to help airlines offer high-quality meals that cater to passengers with special dietary restrictions.

The inflight food provider will showcase the Street Eats range of hot handhelds at this year's World Travel Catering and Onboard Services Expo (WTCE). The range will feature three different flavours: chicken tikka masala, cabbage tawa fry and vegetable pasties, each weighing 2 x 60g per serving.

Traditionally, catering to passengers with special dietary needs has been a challenge, but with an increasing number of consumers looking for alternative options, En Route is stepping up to the plate. Its inclusive range covers a wide variety of special dietary requirements, including Muslim and Hindu faiths, vegan, vegetarian and Lacto-Ovo vegetarian-specific meals.

"We've introduced this frozen calzone range to tackle these issues and create a more diverse and inclusive suite of products," says David Helm, director at En Route International in a May 5 press release.

"We understand the challenges that caterers often face when it comes to finding the right product without compromising on quality. In some instances, passengers with special dietary needs often find themselves having to endure an inferior product, however, with our new calzone range, this needn't be the case," Helm added. "Adhering to strict regulations and a large list of prohibited ingredients, these calzones have been created to provide handheld snacks that cater to typically overlooked passengers — ensuring a more positive onboard experience for all."

One of the standout items in the range is the tawa fry calzone, which is inspired by Jain Indian recipes.

The meal features fresh cabbage, corn, and peas mixed with a blend of cumin, coriander, and garam masala. Another popular choice is the chicken tikka masala calzone, which contains sautéed tomatoes and fresh coriander, curry leaves, and spices, as well as ghee to achieve the familiar tikka masala flavour profile.

For those looking for a more traditional option, the vegetable pasties pay homage to lunches once eaten by Cornish tin mine workers. They are made with root vegetables including potato, onion, carrot and mushroom and spiced with black pepper, fresh thyme, and rosemary.

The products come in an ovenable box with PET lining, but starting in June, the box will be compostable. The boxes also feature a list of suitable diets for each product, making it easier for crew and passengers to quickly recognize which product is right for them.

Part of dnata, the global food service provider's packaging features a colourful design and presentation, evoking the vibrant and textured look of street food served around the world. The playful, irregular typeface pairs with the kraft material, giving each item in the range a unique and fun look.

Robert Smithson, Head of Culinary, dnata Catering, Australia, said in the same release, "At dnata catering, we pride ourselves on creating and delivering exceptional culinary creations and experiences for all our customers. Delivering this level of excellence requires collaboration with our sister companies, such as En Route, who helped us to deliver a well-rounded product that we can now offer to our airline customers."