

RMT expands sustainable sourcing network with Thailand manufacturing partnership

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RMT's bagasse dishes repurpose sugarcane waste into compostable serviceware that helps airlines cut plastic use and reduce emissions

[RMT Global Partners](#) has expanded its global manufacturing network through a new partnership in Thailand, introducing a line of bagasse entrée dishes that reinforce the company's commitment to sustainable, cost-effective inflight solutions.

The initiative allows RMT to diversify its production base, a strategic move that strengthens the company's resilience amid shifting global trade dynamics.

"This partnership helps us navigate complex trade dynamics," says Richard Tuttle, Founder and CEO of RMT Global Partners. "By partnering with a Thai manufacturer, we are able to offer our airline customers a cost-competitive, duty-compliant solution without compromising on quality or sustainability."

The decision was influenced by the U.S. anti-dumping duties on certain bagasse-based products—measures that have influenced sourcing strategies across the inflight serviceware industry. By establishing manufacturing capabilities in Thailand, RMT mitigates risks while ensuring supply chain stability and product consistency across regions.

According to Tuttle, the partnership represents a key pillar in RMT's broader sourcing strategy focused on agility and sustainability. The company applies rigorous quality control standards across all production partners, maintaining uniform product quality regardless of location.

"This multi-region strategy enables us to remain nimble, resilient and aligned with both regulatory changes and airline sustainability goals," he explains.



Richard Tuttle, Founder and CEO, RMT Global Partners

The bagasse dishes also deliver tangible environmental benefits. Made from the renewable by-product of sugarcane production, bagasse repurposes agricultural waste that would otherwise be discarded or burned. The material is fully compostable and biodegradable under the right conditions, offering airlines a practical path toward reduced reliance on virgin plastics and lower carbon emissions.

Engineered for inflight performance, the entrée dishes combine durability, heat resistance and quality presentation with strong environmental credentials—helping airlines meet sustainability targets

without compromising operational standards.