



Steve Ardagh is CEO and Founder of <u>Eagle Protect</u>, the world's only B Corp<sup>™</sup> certified glove and personal protective equipment (PPE) supplier to the food, medical, first responders, cannabis and industrial sectors in the U.S., Australia and New Zealand.

## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Steve has become an industry leader, having spent the last 20 years working intimately with glove, PPE and clothing factories throughout the world. He can speak to a number of topics, including:

- 1. Manufacturing and quality control standards of gloves and clothing affecting product performance
- 2. Supply chain traceability, government regulation and pricing
- 3. Ethical sourcing, including labor rights issues
- 4. Third-party glove testing & analysis, due to largely unregulated federal and FDA import requirements
- 5. Business leader in social responsibility and environmental accountability

## **BACKGROUND & HISTORY**

Eagle Protect is an industry leader in New Zealand, where the company supplies approximately 80% of the primary food processing industry. In 2016 Steve and his family relocated to the U.S. and launched Eagle Protect PBC, with a purpose of safeguarding their customers, staff and consumers with premium products, outstanding service and industry solutions. Now a growing leader in glove supply of premium quality products to multiple U.S. industries, mitigating business risk and improving end user glove safety, Steve has been instrumental in developing Eagle's proprietary third-party <u>Delta</u> Zero<sup>™</sup> quality verification program.

The Eagle Protect team partners with all industries, from meat processing and restaurants to medical and dentistry, developing specific formulas to best fit each user's needs. They are passionate about meeting their customers' needs through innovative product design and quality, and by reducing their product usage and environmental impacts. By focusing on quality, labor rights standards and sustainability, Steve has made being an ethical company a top priority. This is further strengthened by Eagle's B Corp certification since 2012.

## IN THE NEWS

- Quality Assurance & Food Safety <u>5 Questions with Steve Ardagh</u>
- QSR Magazine <u>Could Disposable Gloves be the Source of Foodborne Illness Outbreaks?</u>
- Food Safety Magazine Study Finds Pathogens on 50% of Food-Safe Gloves
- Food Industry Executive Eagle Protect Sounds the Alarm on Supply Chain Contamination
- mg Magazine The Truth About Single-Use Gloves
- FSR <u>6 Essential Factors when Purchasing Gloves for Restaurant Employees</u>
- Chief Executive <u>Hands On: Glove-Making CEO Cleans Up Processing Industries</u>
- Candid Chronicle Toxic Chemical In Gloves Prompts Cannabis Recall
- Cannabis Industry Journal <u>Cannabis & Chemicals: Why Glove Sourcing is Vital</u>
- Great.com Eagle Protect: The Only Glove Company with B Corporation Status
- Food Safety Tech Glove Polymers: The Unregulated Food Safety Threat

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