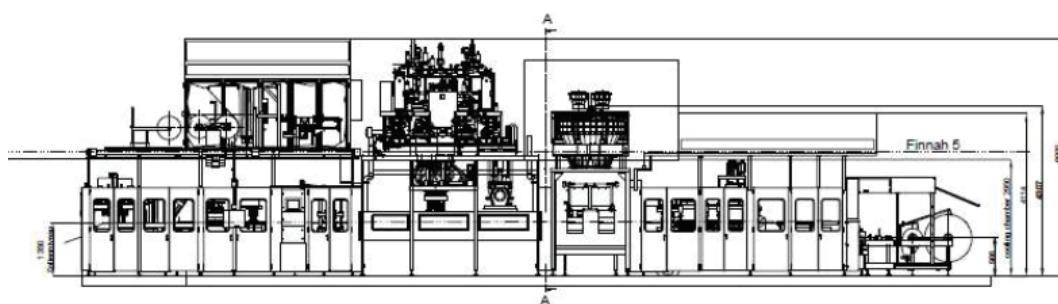




SEAMLESS DECOMMISSIONING AND INSTALLATION FOR A MAJOR FOOD MANUFACTURER

End-to-end project management across borders

In 2019, SSMI was contracted by a major food manufacturer in the northwest Midlands to expertly receive and offload two complete filling and packing lines. These export-packed lines arrived from the USA in 11 shipping containers and were safely offloaded and placed into storage by our in-house team. At a later stage, we managed the secure loading and transport of this machinery from storage to the manufacturer's facility in Germany, where the equipment underwent a major overhaul and refurbishment. Following this, we organised the return shipment to the UK in 2021, ensuring seamless coordination across all borders while maintaining full compliance with stringent industry and export standards.



Precision execution in complex, operational environments

During the refurbishment period, SSMI was also contracted to remove two existing filling and packing lines that the upgraded equipment would replace. This four-week removal took place within a busy food processing facility, requiring strict adherence to hygiene and HSE regulations. The scope included plasma cutting to dismantle fully welded stainless steel platforms and carefully navigating machinery through tight pinch points and ongoing production lines. Once the refurbished lines arrived, our team worked directly with the manufacturer's engineers to offload, de-crate, and install the new equipment. The heaviest machine—measuring 4.5m x 1.5m x 2.5m and weighing 9,800 kg—was skated into position using specialised lifting equipment, overcoming restricted access and maintaining uninterrupted production. Months later, we successfully repeated this process for a second line, achieving flawless results in even more challenging conditions.



4 weeks
Total removal time



95%
Machinery reused



100%
On-time delivery



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Safety incidents