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## Wrist cooks up caterers

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DENMARK-BASED Wrist Group is claiming a breakthrough in one-stop shipping supply with the launch of catering, to give owners and operators a fully outsourced service for provisions.

"Wrist Sea Catering will take over the entire procurement and supply process for vessels; increasing efficiencies, ensuring quality, as well as reducing associated labour costs," Wrist said.

The new division can take over the inventory from a customer's vessels and agree a feed-rate and cost-per-head and per-day basis. The company will then co-ordinate with client vessels' chief cooks on required food products and input that into Wrist's Enterprise Resource Planning system. Wrist Sea Catering is serving more than 100 vessels a month following its 1 March launch.

"It makes budgeting easier," said Ian Matheson, director at Bibby Ship Management in Liverpool. Outsourcing the catering operation also ensures adequate provisions are always delivered to the ship, he told *Fairplay*. "The outsourcing of food is just the beginning... we believe that more shipping [will] look to outsource the procurement of the majority of supplies," said Niels Snog, general manager of Wrist Sea Catering. ■