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EPAL National Committee in Baltic States

Smooth exchange of EPAL and EUR pallets in open circulation

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EPAL global

- EPAL is represented with 15 National Committees and 4 Representatives in more than 30 countries.

Among others:

- Since 2008 in China
- Since 2013 in Czech Republic & Slovakia
- Since 2014 in Russia and Ukraine
- Since 2015 in Brazil
- From 2016 in the Middle East



NATIONAL COMMITTEES OF THE EUROPEAN PALLET ASSOCIATION E.V.

ADDITIONAL EPAL LICENCE HOLDERS





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EPAL Products

EPAL box pallet

800 mm x 1,200 mm



EPAL industrial pallet 3

1,000 mm x 1,200 mm



EPAL industrial pallet 2

1,200 mm x 1,000 mm



EPAL Euro pallet

800 mm x 1,200 mm



EPAL half pallet

800 mm x 600 mm





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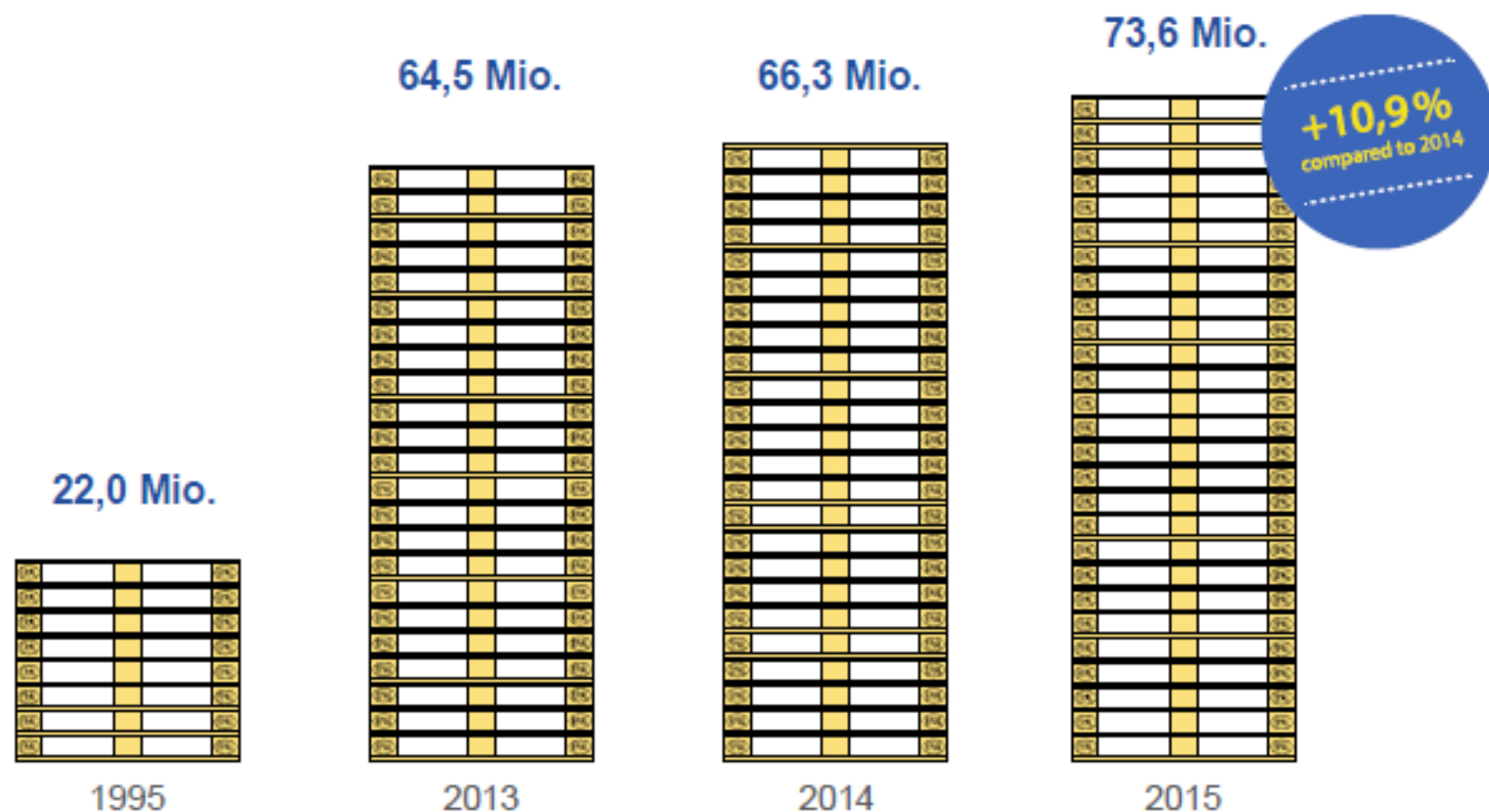
Quality assurance by the independent inspection company

- EPAL is the only pallet organisation worldwide with an independent quality inspection procedure
- Since 2013 the quality assurance has been performed by Bureau Veritas
- Bureau Veritas carries out unannounced, globally consistent inspections
- More than 60 experienced inspectors are deployed on a daily basis(wood and metal)
- Approx. 55.000 inspections have been performed since 2013



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Development of EPAL: Production figures





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EPAL Baltic Statistics

Production

2015:	2.429.006 (106,7%)
2014:	2.276.371
2013:	1.830.061
2012:	1.778.488
2011:	1.829.468

Repair

2015:	134.181 (95,76%)
2014:	140.126
2013:	49.685
2012:	45.877
2011:	14.455



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End of pallet conflict – EPAL and UIC join forces

Two years ago, two organisations had parted ways: UIC (the International Union of Railways), founded in 1922, and EPAL (the European Pallet association), formally approved by UIC in 1991. From a business perspective this was a step in the wrong direction; a well oiled system had thus been disassembled. Under pressure from leading German trade associations and the Austrian Chamber of Commerce (ARGE Palettenpool), UIC and EPAL agreed on mutual acceptance of load carriers.

Memorandum of UIC, 2015-2016

“World” pallets are not exchangeable in the Euro pallet pool

Declarations of exchangeability of ‘World’ pallets are unilateral and unjustified

EPAL Euro pallets are under internationally uniform, independent quality inspection





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PALLET ASSESSMENT CARD: features of a proper pallet

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ECR Baltic recommends to use and exchange EPAL and EUR pallets, including those made before August 2013, provided they meet technical and quality criteria specified in UIC-Leaflet 435-2, based on EN 13698-1 norm.

EPAL pallet (introduced from 1st of August 2013)



EPAL pallets markings (licence from 1.08.2013.)*

Markings on the blocks:				
left	middle	middle, repaired pallet	right	Control staple on middle block:
				compulsory to all new EPAL pallets from 2010



The blocks can be made of either solid or crumbled wood.

PL - example of country of origin symbol,
AA - region, BBB - Heat Treatment company identification number,
HT - Heat Treatment

EUR Pallet (UIC marking introduced in second half of 2013)



EUR pallets markings (licence from 08. 2013.)*

Markings on the blocks:				
left	middle	middle, repaired pallet	right	Control staple on middle block:
				compulsory to all new EUR pallets from 2010



The blocks can be made of either solid or crumbled wood.

XX - example of country of origin symbol,
HT - Heat Treatment,
000 - example of licencing railways

* Pallets manufactured before this date are still good to use, provided they meet the quality criteria. For the markings list see other second page of this Card.

EPAL pallets and EUR pallets are branded goods and therefore protected by Industrial Property Rights!

EPAL pallets and EUR pallets standard is defined by UIC-Leaflet 435-2, compliant with EN 13698-1.

EPAL pallets and EUR pallets specific features:

- precisely defined dimensions of the pallets and it's elements;
- markings on right and left blocks - specific to each of the types, as specified in the tables above;
- ISPM15 phytosanitary treatment symbol (compulsory as of 1.01.2010);
- alpha-numeric markings on the middle block with following pattern LLL-Y-MM (producer's licence number - year of production - month of production);
- even cuttings of all four corners, at the whole breadth of the pallet.

All EPAL and EUR pallets shall undergo **ISPM15 phytosanitary heat treatment**, confirmed by **IPPC mark** on the middle block. The wood- moisture of new pallet shall not exceed **22%**.

On top of that, the EPAL pallets also:

- have control staple on the middle block (compulsory for new pallets);
- may have repairing nail on the middle block (compulsory for repaired pallets);
- have to be **chamber-dried**.

Dimensions of EPAL and EUR wooden pallets:

No.	Element	Number of elements	Dimensions at 22% humidity (tolerance +/- mm)		
			Length	Width	Height
1	Utmost top board	2	1200 (+3/-0)	145 (+5/-3)	22 (+2/-0)
2	Middle top board	1	1200 (+3/-0)	145 (+5/-3)	22 (+2/-0)
3	Medium top board	2	1200 (+3/-0)	100 (+3/-3)	22 (+2/-0)
4	Stringer board	3	800 (+3/-0)	145 (+5/-3)	22 (+3/-0)
5	Utmost bottom board	2	1200 (+3/-0)	100 (+3/-3)	22 (+2/-0)
6	Middle bottom board	1	1200 (+3/-0)	145 (+5/-3)	22 (+2/-0)
7	Outer block	6	145 (+5/-3)	100 (+3/-3)	78 (+2/-0)
8	Middle block	3	145 (+5/-3)	145 (+5/-3)	78 (+1/-1)

All dimensions in millimetres,
according to UIC-Leaflet 435-2, compliant with EN 13698-1 norm.



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Activities against counterfeiters

- Fight against infringements of trademark rights, counterfeit pallets and violations of property rights
- Close collaboration with customs authorities
- Training of customs officers at the EU's national borders
- Successes in the fight against counterfeiters:
 - Concerted campaigns at the Slovakian/Ukrainian border (8,000 counterfeit pallets)
 - Polish campaign against Ukrainian counterfeiters (7,000 counterfeit pallets)
 - Counterfeit EPAL Euro pallets seized in Italy



Buying-selling points and illegal repairment





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EPAL National committee in Baltic States (EPAL Baltic):

- cooperates with all interested organizations (Users, Phitosanitary Services, Customs, Police, Tax Offices) to maintain and improve the quality of the pallets and exchange system
- carries out trainings for staff of logistics units on assessment of pallet's quality and recognition of counterfeited pallets
- advises in matters of pallet quality assessment

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Thank you for your kind attention

