

European Pallet Association e.V.

INTERVIEW WITH VIRGINIA ALBA-NIEWIESKI

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What is and does EPAL?

The European Pallet Association e.V. (EPAL) ensures a smooth flow of goods in the logistics world with over 500 million EPAL Euro pallets and 20 million box pallets in the world's biggest open exchange pool. Founded in 1991 as the umbrella association of licensed producers and repairers of EPAL load carriers, EPAL is globally responsible for their consistent quality. EPAL pallets are produced from sustainably grown, CO₂-neutral wood, EPAL pallets can be repaired and recycled, and reduce transport distances thanks to their high level of availability. As a registered association, EPAL does not pursue any commercial interests and makes all its decisions in the interests of its industry, retail and logistics partners.

What made you decide to exhibit at EMPACK?

The Transport and Logistics Fair EMPACK, which takes place annually, enables us to make direct contact with our users, licensees and interested parties. Among other things, EPAL would like to draw the attention of every single consumer to the sustainability in the supply chain. EPAL load carriers not only stand for quality and safety, but also for sustainability. EPAL pallets are manufactured from recyclable resources, each load carrier can be repaired by an authorised licence holder. Compliance with the ISPM 15 standard is the most important prerequisite for unrestricted deployment in the international movement of goods. EPAL pallets are manufactured and repaired according to the strict standard of the IPPC (International Plant Protection Convention) and can thus be used with confidence in international trade.

How many licensed producers and repairers does EPAL support?

EPAL with more than 1,500 licensed production and repair operations in over 30 countries is represented in over thirty countries by fourteen National Committees.

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