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To Users and members of the WG

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Betreff: Exchangeability of EUR and EPAL Euro pallets

Since 1 August 2013, users of EUR and EPAL Euro pallets have repeatedly been uncertain as to whether the two pallets are interchangeable in the open European pallet pool.

Rail Cargo Austria (RCA) is the owner of the trademark EUR in the oval and the chairing railway undertaking (RU) of the relevant working group at UIC, the International Union of Railways in Paris.

In connection with the exchangeability of EUR and EPAL Euro pallets, it should be noted that only the users (sender and recipient) can decide and determine which pallets are exchanged and how. Neither UIC/Rail Cargo Austria nor EPAL can decide on the exchange of pallets. It is the task of both organisations to ensure that only quality assured pallets produced by licensed manufacturers and properly repaired are made available to users for possible exchange.

Both Euro pallets, labelled UIC/EUR and EPAL respectively, are based on UIC leaflets 435-2 and 435-4, which clearly regulate the assembly, quality assurance and licensing for the manufacture or repair of the two pallets. The only difference between the two pallets is therefore the labelling and the organisational structure of the respective licensor.



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From the point of view of the UIC/RCA, it is therefore clear that the Euro pallets of the two competitors, UIC/EUR and EPAL, can be exchanged within the framework of the European Pallet Pool.

Of course, the UIC and its member RUs remain committed to barrier-free, unrestricted exchange within the European Pallet Pool and will continue to recognise both pallets as interchangeable.

For the Presiding RU of the UIC-AG

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Metlich', written in a cursive style.

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