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EPAL issues quality classification guide for used pallets

EPAL has issued a guide to help users recognise different quality standards of second hand pallets to facilitate smooth movement of the pallets.

The document, which has been put together in collaboration with GS1 in Germany, aims to identify distinct classes of pallets by appearance. It distinguishes between three grades of used pallets (A, B & C) and provides realistic criteria for classification.

Paul Davidson, CEO of Brepal, which regulates the EPAL (European Pallet Association) business within the UK and Ireland, said: "All used EPAL pallets must meet a minimum standard to be exchangeable. However, there is a considerable variation in the appearance of the pallet and this is reflected in an informal classification of used EPAL pallets into different grades.

"EPAL has recognised that there is a need in the market for some definition of these various qualities in order to facilitate exchange, so it has worked with GS1 Germany to issue this classification guide for used EPAL pallets."

Printed copies of the guide are available by emailing your address to Brepal at davidsonpaulj@googlemail.com

Notes to Editors

- EPAL is a not-for-profit organisation concerned with the promotion of cost-effective pallet pooling across the world, using standardised high quality pallets
- EPAL regulates the manufacture, repair and trading of EPAL pallets via binding licensing agreements with manufacturers, repairers and traders guaranteeing product quality
- The EPAL pallet exchange system permits businesses which use pallets for this purpose to exchange them with third parties. This means that a business receiving goods packed on EPAL pallets does not need to return those pallets to its supplier; it can supply the pallets to other users

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