

Clarification of the proprietary relationship between the wooden pallets manufactured under the trademarks EPAL and WORLD

The construction of the pallet model generally known by the user as „EUROPALLET“ has been known now for over 40 years and was already pre-described in the utility patent writ of Mr. Julius Hofer / Erbach (Odenwald) amongst others, as the state of the art, and published on the 31st of March 1966 by the German Patent Office under the Patent Utility Number DE 1 935 973 U1 (Annex 1).

In the meantime, the above mentioned pallet design is being manufactured under several proprietary names in standardised frame sizes and mostly offered in the market in the pallet format or dimension 800 mm x 1200 mm and generally known by the consumer as „EUROPALLET“.


The trademark names under which such pallets are offered and distributed are registered, for example as „Europe-trademarks“ under the following labels:


- „WORLD“ (EU-Common Trademark No.: 005897491 / registered on April 30, 2007),
- „EPAL“ (EU-Common Trademark No.: 000472415 / registered on February 5, 1997),
- „CHEP“ (EU-Common Trademark No.: 000942136 / registered on Sept. 28, 1998),
- „LPR“ (EU-Common Trademark No.: 004896155 / registered on February 8, 2006).

Hereby is the trademark  the youngest of the trademarks for (wooden) pallets registered Europe-wide.


The trademark name of this new pallet trademark „WORLD“ is clearly and distinctively different from the other pallet trademarks that have already been introduced into the market, such as „EPAL“, „CHEP“, „LPR“.


On the 7th of April 2008 this trademark  was registered and legally valid Europe-wide !!!

Therefore, this new trademark, , can be naturally employed and implemented alongside the trademarks already known in the market.

(Remark: The trademark  as well as all the other above mentioned trademarks were checked and scrutinised by the Office for Harmonisation in Alicante.)

With reference to their dimensions and their multi-shift usage, all the PALLETS (800mmx1200mm) of the trademark „WORLD“, as well as all the PALLETS (800mmx1200mm) of the trademarks „EPAL“, „CHEP“ and „LPR“ meet the same technical requirements.

The returnable pallets of the trademark  are therefore and are of course exchangeable pallets!

The PALLETS offered under the trademark  (Pallets of the dimension 800 mm x 1200 mm, well known by the consumer as „EUROPALLET“) are an alternative to the „EUROPALLETS“ offered in

the markets hitherto and they can be employed as an alternative or parallel to the „EUROPALLETS“ of the other providers.