EPAL QUALITY CLASSIFICATION

Recommendations for the use and exchange of EPAL Euro pallets

The EPAL Quality Classification provides clear binding recommendations and serves to optimize the use and exchange of EPAL Euro pallets. It is only to be used if there is an agreement between the companies involved (exchange, purchase or supply of EPAL Euro pallets).

In order to use the EPAL Quality Classification, the companies involved must agree to use the EPAL Euro pallets of specific classes.

If there is no agreement to use the EPAL Quality Classification, only the EPAL Terms of Exchange apply (unrestricted exchangeability of new and used EPAL Euro pallets of classes A, B and C).

EPAL TERMS OF EXCHANGE

Conditions for exchanging EPAL Euro pallets

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Damage is faults that result in loss of usability and may result in loss of exchangeability.

The EPAL Terms of Exchange can be supplemented by the EPAL Quality Classification whereby the companies involved in the exchange, purchase or supply of EPAL Euro pallets mutually agree to use the EPAL Quality Classification as well as to exchange or supply EPAL Euro pallets of a specific class.

TYPICAL DAMAGE AND FAULTS THAT RESULT IN LOSS OF EXCHANGEABILITY AND USABILITY:

- A board is missing in part or in full.
- A board is broken or split in such a way that more than one nail shank is visible.
- A block is broken crossways or at an angle.
- A block is missing or split in such a way that more than one nail shank is visible.
- One block is twisted and protrudes more than 1 cm beyond the outer edge of the pallet.
- EPAL marking is missing on both corner blocks of one long side.

Further criteria for loss of exchangeability:

The load bearing capacity is no longer guaranteed (e.g. rotten or decayed boards, severe breakages or splits). Some components are obviously unacceptable (e.g. board too thin, blocks too narrow). Several blocks exhibit severe breakages or splits. Severely soiling of the pallet may lead to contamination of the payload.

Restoration of exchangeability:

To restore exchangeability, damaged EPAL Euro pallets must be repaired by an EPAL-licensed repair company. A list of EPAL-licensed repair companies is available on the EPAL website (www.epal.eu | licensee search).

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