

## **Awarding the right to self-monitoring – Upgrading from level 1 to level 2**

### **Explanation:**

As part of self-monitoring, you are assigned the right to monitor the production of quality-assured load carriers in accordance with the specifications of EPAL's Technical Regulations yourself and to apply the control marks to the quality-assured load carriers produced in your operations.

You can order the control staples and control seals from us (at [national.committee@epal-pallets.org](mailto:national.committee@epal-pallets.org)). Please ensure you allow sufficient delivery time.

### **Requirements:**

You must produce at least 30,000 load carriers within a time frame of six months, without interruption and without anomalies.

Production must be continuous in this time frame.

If a contractual penalty is imposed, there can be no upgrading for a period of twelve months from the date of the Board meeting in which the penalty was adopted.

Fees amounting to EUR 600.00 are incurred for the reclassification and the acceptance visit by our inspection company.

Once payment is received, we instruct our inspection company to effect the reclassification to level 2. On the acceptance date an inspection report is compiled, which provides the basis for reclassification.

If all the requirements are fulfilled, you will receive an official written confirmation of your right to self-monitoring. From this point, the inspections of the load carriers produced are carried out monthly by our inspection company. The inspection fees are also charged monthly. Please find the number of inspections in the Schedule of Fees table (dependent on production volume, between one and three inspections per month).

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### **Downgrading:**

Please note that you can be downgraded at any time if production falls below 30,000 per year. You can also be downgraded if, for three subsequent months, you are unable to provide evidence of production.