



FEFPEB Meeting

11 October 2011

NH Hotel du Grand Sablon, Brussels



AGENDA:

1. Opening

2. ISPM 15

- Roman Vagner, European Commission
- Roddie Burgess, UK Forestry Commission
- Nicola Diaferia, Emitech Srl.

3. FEFPEB PR campaign

- Dominic Weaver, RED Communications Ltd.



4. FEFPEB Activities 2011/2012

5. FEFPEB Congress 2012

6. Any other business and closure

13.00-14.30 hours: lunch for all participants



FEFPEB Strategy and Activities 2011 / 2012

Gil Covey, President, Fons Ceelaert, secretary general

Out of the presentation at the European Parliament “Club du Bois” (October 2010, Strasbourg)

“EU Wooden Pallets and Packaging Industry: Threats from phytosanitary requirements and alternative materials”



FEFPEB represents the European Timber Pallet & Packaging Industry

- Pallets Manufacturing and Repairing
- Industrial Packaging
- Lightweight Packaging
- Pallet pooling companies

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European Timber Pallet & Packaging Market

- Annual New Pallet Production 450 Mln
- Timber Consumption 24 Mln m³
- Timber Pallets in Circulation in EU 3.2 Bln Est.
- Total number of Employees
 - Directly 80,000 Est.
 - indirectly 300,000 Est.

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European Timber Pallet & Packaging Market

- Pallet and packaging Industry consumes 20% - 25% of European Sawn Timber Production
- >95% of Market uses Timber Pallets
- Most Pallet Producers are Small to Medium Sized Enterprises

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Major Advantages of Timber as a Raw Material for Wooden Packaging

- Environmental
- ISPM 15 (International Standard on phytosanitary measures for wood packing materials) Compliance
- Hygienic
- Value for Money (Returnable, Repairable, Recyclable)
- Pooling Capacity

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Major Developments and Challenges

- I. ISPM 15 phytosanitary standard
- II. Competition from Renewable Energy
- III. Chain of Custody / Certification
- IV. Competition from Plastic Pallets

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Key priorities central in this meeting

11 October 2011

- ISPM 15
- PR Campaign

Full information on the state of affairs



Other items and activities

A. Technical issues

LCA wooden versus plastic pallets

Initiatives in Italy, France, The Netherlands aggregated on EU level

Test method ISPM 15 compliance part of programme
2012 Forest Technology Platform



B. Lobby

Maintaining and strenghtening FEFPEB network

EU Brussels

Global Alliances (NWPCA / CWPCA)

CEI Bois

And: Our internal FEFPEB network



C. FEFPEB membership

Recruitment Eastern Europe: Meetings in Poland and Lithuania (December 2011)

Co-operation and identification common issues between the membership sections



D. Future congresses

2012:

Spain (Valencia), 63rd FEFPEB congress: 3-5 October 2012

2013:

France (Bordeaux), 64rd FEFPEB hosting Interpal