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Opening and welcome speech

Rob van Hoesel,
President FEFPEB

- **Programme (I)**

09:00 Opening

09.10 - Drs. Theo J.F.M. Bovens, Governor of the Provincie Limburg

Welcome to the Provincie Limburg and its capital city Maastricht

09.30 - Professor Mathieu Segers, Professor of Contemporary European History and European integration at the University of Maastricht (the Netherlands)

The European Union: 25 years Treaty of Maastricht / The future of the European Union

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State of affairs Dutch Economy and Industry policy in a European perspective

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11.20 – Marianne Muller, DG Environment European Commission (Belgium) The Circular Economy Package and the revision of the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive 94/62/EC

12.00 hours – Jan Kurth, secretary general/managing director Bundesverband Holzpackmittel HPE (Germany) Introduction packaging software calculation programme CASE Express

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13.30 - Professor Walther Ploos van Amstel, University of Amsterdam (the Netherlands) Trends in Logistics towards 2030

14.15 – René van Vliet, on behalf of Mecanica CAPE S.L.U. (Spain) Robotics and automisation in the manufacturing and repairing of pallets

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FEFPEB activities 2017 at a glance

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ISPM 15

FEFPEB report status 2017 ISPM 15

Conclusions and Recommendations

The actual situation status ISPM 15 in the European Union in 10 Member States.

More countries are expected to follow.

The report illustrates the wide variety in terms of implementation of the FAO Guideline ISPM 15.

It remains a challenge for the wooden pallet and packaging industry to cope with all the differences.

Since the introduction of ISPM 15 FEFPEB advocates the importance of harmonization of ISPM 15 rules and its implementation and this has been shared with the FAO, the NPPO's, the European Commission (DG SANTE), the Standing Committee on Plant Health and our global industry partners (Global Forum Wooden Pallet and Packaging Industry)

The actual situation 2017 underlines our position regarding ISPM 15:

- Lack of harmonization of the national wood marking schemes creates confusion between countries all around the world
- Repair rules are not transparent and multi-interpretable
- The multiple marking rule should be clear and the amount of markings must be limited
- Stronger (legal) actions against mark falsifications and proper policing of trade flows by the national authorities required

FEFPEB statistics

- Renewed format 2016 issued
- Survey statistics each 2 years (was 3 years)
- Quarterly FEFPEB timber index (5 countries)

PR

- A new look for the Packaging from Nature website
- New fact sheets
- Quarterly FEFPEB newsletter

FEFPEB sections

Industrial Packaging

- New documents on preservation / conditioning and stability / safety requirements / enhancing the FEFPEB minimum requirements IP
- Update EU Company tracker export packaging
- Renewed Fact Sheet IP

Leight Weight Packaging

- Seat in the EU Expert Group on Food Contact
- Migration tests EC 1935 / 2004
- Defending the use of wood for crates / import regulations Middle East

Pallet Pools

- Common issues closed and open pooling
- Fact sheet Closed Pools published on FEFPEB website

Expanding the FEFPEB network

Active member of CEI Bois, the umbrella federation for the EU Woodworking Industries

- Wood dust
- Circular Economy Package

Global co-operation

- Global Forum Wooden Pallet and Packaging Industry (meetings and conference calls in 2017)
- Common approach to FAO / IFQRG
- Defending wood as raw material for pallets and packaging / streamlining PR and PA

Next congresses

Interpal 2018

Tuesday 18 – Thursday 20 September 2018, Minneapolis (USA)

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19 – 21 September 2019, Hamburg (Germany)

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