



ECR BALTIC RECOMMENDATIONS for PALLETS and RTI (Returnable-Reusable Transport Items) for dairy, meat, bakery, fresh fruits and vegetables.

The ECR Baltic working party for pallets assessment and RTI unification initiative in the Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania) has issued a first series of recommendations for pallets and RTI (Returnable-Reusable Transport Items) for dairy, meat, bakery, fresh fruits and vegetables. These recommendations have been made within the framework of consultation meetings held since 2007 between representatives of FMCG retail, manufacturers, distributors, solution providers and Industry associations.

PALLETS:

Dimensions: The [ECR working party](#) recommends to use the so-called euro pallets (dimensions 80 x 120 cm) and its two derived dimensions (½ Euro [80 x 60 cm] and ¼ Euro [40 x 60 cm]), except for beverages and coffee as well as for heavy rotations of fresh vegetables and fruits, for which the industrial pallet (format 100 x 120 cm) is recommended. Per dimension at least two or three types of pallets should be accepted.

Quality: With regard to the purchase and repair of pallets, the ECR working party recommends to appeal to certified pallet producers and repairers; this for reasons of security and in order to secure a qualitatively good pallet pool.

The European organization of EUR pallets, EPAL, has worked out a system for certification and control of EUR pallet producers and repairers. In Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania this quality control is done by the EPAL National Committee in Baltic States (A list of certified manufacturers and repairers is available at www.europallets.lt)

Re-use: For environmental and security reasons, it is recommended to have re-usable pallets and to avoid as much as possible the use of one-way pallets.

Exchange criteria: The ECR Baltic working party has developed EUR Pallets Assessment Cards (PAC) with the aim to help all parties involved in EUR Pallets exchange to recognize proper/legal EUR pallet and to assess its quality for exchange or expelling from open circulation for pallet repair or disposal. The Baltic PACs are available for download as well as hard copies (please contact ECR Baltic) in

[English](#) | [Russian](#) | [Lithuanian](#) | [Latvian](#) | [Estonian](#) at www.ecr-baltic.org

AIM AND TERMS OF USE: The aim of EUR Pallets Assessment Cards is to help all parties involved in EUR pallets exchange to recognize proper/legal EUR pallets and to assess their minimum quality requirements for further exchange or expelling from open circulation for recycling or repair.

LEGAL DISCLAIMER: In no case ECR Baltic can be held liable for any claim raised on use or misuse of Baltic EUR Pallets Assessment Cards by end parties. The cards were developed based on standards described in UIC 435 Code. EPAL recommendations, most frequently recognized pallet damages, local and international experience and expertise by ECR Baltic pallets working group equally represented by retail sector and its suppliers in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

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List of certified manufacturers (2012.03.01)
UAB „Arona“, UAB „Babrūna“, UAB „Julius“, SIA „Kronus“, SIA „Latgal Paldar“, SIA „Paldar“, UAB „Plumunsk“, GME SIA „RUDI“, UAB „VIGLIAS PACO“.

List of certified repairers (2012.03.01)
SIA „Kronus“, „Mehrosystem“ OÜ, UAB „Paldar partner“, UAB „Paldar Logistik“, instantly updated list of certified EUR pallets manufacturers and repairers available on www.epal.eu or www.sturpallets.lt

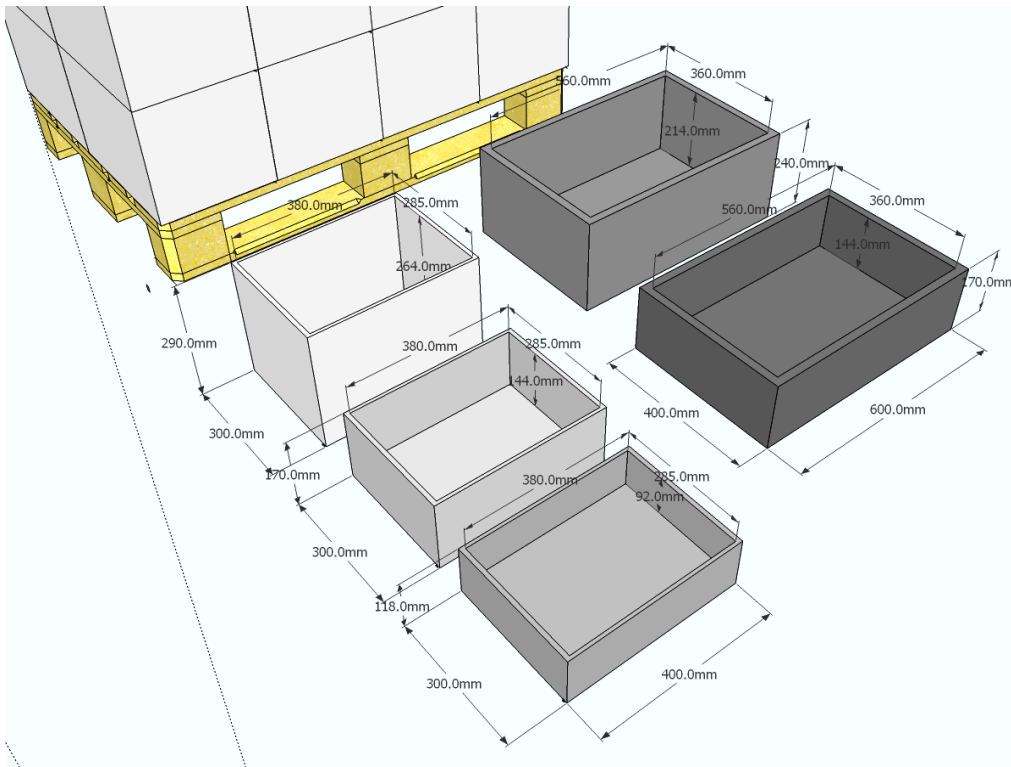
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ECR Baltic is an Efficient Consumer Response Initiative in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. ECR Baltic is a collaborative retailer-manufacturer platform with a mission to fulfil consumer wishes better, faster and at less cost. It is a non-profit organization which aims to help retailers and manufacturers in the FMCG sector to drive supply chain efficiencies and deliver business growth and consumer value.

Baltic EUR Pallet Assessment Cards (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania)

RTI (Returnable-Reusable Transport Items) for dairy, meat, bakery, fresh fruits and vegetables*:



For RTIs, it is recommended to limit the number of crate types from more than 100 different types currently circulating in Baltics to 5-6. The crates must be compatible so that they can be piled up. The formats shall be limited to 60 x 40 cm and 30 x 40 cm as per recommendations below:

Dairy produce 3 crates set					
External Dimensions (LxWxH mm)	Internal Dimensions (LxWxH mm)	Load Max	Primary packaging types:	Suitable for	Product categories
300 x 400 x 118	285 x 380 x 92	5 kg	75 mm diameter cups (18 pcs) 95 mm diameter cups: 12 pcs 200/250 ml pure packs 15 pcs	Poly packs and other small packaging	Yogurt, cream, sour cream, cheese, quark, deserts, etc.
300 x 400 x 170	285 x 380 x 144	10 kg	95 mm diameter cups: 12 pcs 450/500 ml pure packs: 15 pcs	Poly packs and other small packaging	Yogurt, cream, sour cream, cheese, quark, deserts, milk, kefir, etc.,
300 x 400 x 290	285 x 380 x 264	20 kg	1000 ml pure packs: 15 pcs 1500 ml pure packs: 9 pcs 1000 ml plastic bottle: 12 pcs 1000 ml poly packs (pouch): 18 pcs		Milk, kefir, yogurt, jellies, etc.
Meat, Bakery, Fruits & Vegetables crates set					
External Dimensions (LxWxH mm)	Internal Dimensions (LxWxH mm)	Load Max	Primary packaging types:	Suitable for	Product categories
600 x 400 x 170	560 x 360 x 144	20 kg	Any packages that fit		Meat & bakery products
600 x 400 x 240	560 x 360 x 214	25 kg	Any packages that fit		Fruits & Vegetables

* To be approved by ECR Baltic working party on 11.04.2012, Riga