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Packaging prevents food waste: Corrugated is part of the solution

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FEFCO welcomes the European Parliament's resolution on "Resource efficiency: reducing food waste, improving food safety", adopted on 16 May 2017.

The initiative, led by rapporteur MEP Biljana Borzan (S&D, Hungary), calls for a 50% reduction of food waste by 2030 and improving the information to consumers. It is estimated that every year around 88 million tonnes of food is wasted in the EU, along with the associated environmental impact and resources used.

Packaging prevents food waste. The resolution emphasises the positive contribution of packaging materials and solutions to reduce food waste along the supply chain. *"For years, the corrugated packaging industry has been developing packaging and logistics solutions to preserve the quality and hygiene of food. We are constantly refining our packaging to make it fit for purpose and satisfy the needs of the products and consumers"* says Angelika Christ, FEFCO Secretary General.

The resolution recognises that recyclable packaging obtained from renewable resources can also contribute to resource efficiency and the Circular Economy ambition.

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Note to the editors

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