

CHEP and LPR join ARECO as new partners

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- **ARECO promotes the use of returnable transport items as products which are eco-sustainable and environmentally friendly.**

Madrid, November 2011.- CHEP and LPR, European leaders in pallet and container pooling services, have joined ARECO, the Association of Logistics Operators for Eco-sustainable Reusable Items, founded in 2010 with the aim at promoting the usage of returnable crates, pallets and containers because of their logistic and environmental advantages.

Together with Ifco Systems, Euro Pool System and Logifruit, they are the first 5 leading groups in the crates and pallets' market in Spain. The mission of these logistic providers consists of managing crates, containers and pallets from a global network of service centers, helping manufacturers and growers transport their products to distributors and retailers.

The transport items which are used by the companies forming part of ARECO are eco-sustainable and contribute to protect the environment. Scientific studies (Stuttgart University, March 2009) vouch for the environmental advantages of returnable containers as compared with other types of disposable containers due to the fact that reusable crates can be reused up to 100 times, and containers and pallets, up to 70, which involves a more efficient use of natural resources.