



INKA NEWS

*The newsletter of Inka Presswood Pallets Ltd
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New Global Website We are delighted to announce the launch of the new Global website for Presswood Pallets - www.presswood.org - designed to give easy access to national suppliers around the world. This offers a number of benefits; firstly it directs potential customers to their most convenient source. It also means that users of Presswood Pallets can direct their customers to the local outlet, thus ensuring that the pallet being used is fully acceptable and the best for the job. Plus product details can be provided in a preferred language.

Plastic Pallets are on standby. While the Presswood Pallet factories are gearing-up levels of production to meet the expected increase in demand for ISPM15 approved pallets, Inka have secured access to a new range of low-cost, nesting style, Plastic Pallets - just in case! Capable of carrying up to 1 tonne these new pallets are even lighter in weight than Presswood Pallets (an added bonus for those using airfreight) and are priced at around £10. Although a little more expensive than Presswood Pallets these have the advantage of not having a use-by date and need no certification of any kind. Perhaps worth keeping a small quantity on standby?



A Burning Issue was recently funded by 6 members of the US based Reusable Plastic Container & Plastic Association (RPCPA) relating to the safety of plastic pallets in the situation of a warehouse fire. This was with the cooperation of TVA Fire Security Life Safety and Underwriters laboratory (UL). While there was no real conclusive results, and the matter of fumes given off during combustion were not addressed, it was the performance of sprinkler systems and the pallet construction that drew the most attention. A sprinkler system with a spray factor of K17 has been approved by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) as capable of protecting plastic pallets to the same degree as wood pallets. One interesting result was that reinforced plastic pallets were found to be particularly hazardous in a fire due to their robust construction.

While on the same subject; Presswood Pallet users may wish to note that Presswood Pallets meet the fire safety standard DIN4102 (part 1) - comparative to ISO1182 and BS476 part 4.

Pallets took centre stage in the Bavarian town of Ausberg a few weeks ago. It took 4,500 pallet to complete the sculpture; used over 200 cubic metres of timber and over 40,000 composite blocks supplied by Euroblock. After 8 weeks on display the pallets were returned (unharmd) to their normal habitat!



Latest News...!

According to The US Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) website, implementation of ISPM15 has been delayed. While notices will be issued, it expected to start in April or May. For complete information visit <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/swp/>

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