

Corrugated Packaging Helps Prevent Food Waste

The Confederation of Paper Industries (CPI) recognises the benefits that corrugated packaging brings to delivering food in optimum condition and supports the European Parliament's resolution on "Resource efficiency: reducing food waste, improving food safety", adopted on 16 May 2017.

Andy Barnetson, Director of Packaging Affairs at CPI said: "The provision of safe, hygienic and recyclable packaging will continue to play an integral role in the ongoing fight against food waste and for the protection of our natural resources."

The European Parliament's resolution calls for a 50% reduction of food waste by 2030. It is estimated that around ten million tonnes of food is wasted in the UK each year, along with the associated environmental impact.

The European Federation of Corrugated Board Manufacturers (FEFCO) understands that packaging prevents food waste and has noted that the resolution emphasises the positive contribution of packaging materials and solutions to reduce food waste along the supply chain.

At FEFCO's instigation, a number of amendments to the Parliament's report were accepted, including that "food packaging that is recyclable and obtained from renewable raw materials can further contribute to environmental and resource efficiency objectives". CPI congratulates FEFCO on this important success for the Corrugated Packaging Industry.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

- The Confederation of Paper Industries (CPI) is the leading trade association representing the UK's Paper-based Industries, comprising paper and board manufacturers and converters, corrugated packaging producers, makers of soft tissue papers, and collectors of paper for recycling.
- CPI represents an industry with an aggregate annual turnover of £6.5 billion, 25,000 direct and more than 100,000 indirect employees.
- The CPI corrugated sector promotes a sustainable and renewable material, more than 80% of which is recycled.
- For facts on the UK's Paper-based Industries please visit: www.paper.org.uk.

