

## IFCO nominated for the German Sustainability Award

### *Reusable packaging solutions from IFCO ensure efficient use of resources*

*Pullach, 26. June 2018 – [IFCO Systems GmbH](#), the leading global provider of reusable plastic containers (RPCs) for fresh foods, has been nominated for the [German Sustainability Award](#) 2019 in the category “medium-sized companies”. IFCO sets high ecological standards with its RPCs, which not only improve the supply chain efficiency of companies, but also reduce their ecological footprint. The use of IFCO RPCs, which are leased according to the pooling principle instead of sold, reduces solid waste, food losses and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and ensures a more efficient use of resources.*

Since 2008, the annual German Sustainability Award has honored creative and sustainable solutions for tomorrow’s challenges. Europe’s largest award for ecological and social commitment honors top achievements in sustainability in the categories of business, research, architecture and municipalities. With this prize, the Stiftung Deutscher Nachhaltigkeitspreis e. V. (German Sustainability Award Foundation), together with the German government, promotes companies and actors with a role model function.

### **Pioneer in sustainability**

IFCO Systems GmbH has been nominated for the German Sustainability Award in the category “medium-sized companies”. IFCO is one of the pioneers in terms of sustainability and social responsibility. RPCs from IFCO generate up to 60 percent less CO<sub>2</sub> and up to 86 percent less solid waste compared to disposable single-way packaging, as recent studies confirmed<sup>1</sup>. The studies also showed that RPCs consume less energy and water and reduce product damage by up to 96 percent – which significantly reduces food waste.

“Our entire business philosophy is based on sustainability. We minimize the impact on the environment by constantly improving our products, activities and supply chains – for a cleaner future. The nomination for the German Sustainability Award is a great recognition that further motivates us to make our contribution to a more sustainable world,” explains Wolfgang Orgeldinger, CEO of IFCO Systems.

IFCO’s sustainability initiatives are in line with the parent company [Brambles](#). In 2017 alone, customers using CHEP and IFCO load carriers contributed to saving 1.6 million trees, 2.5 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> and 1.4 million tons of waste. For these efforts, Brambles was listed in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) as the best company in its category and received AAA ratings from Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) and the Sustainalytics Indices.

### **About IFCO:**

IFCO is the leading global provider of reusable packaging solutions for fresh foods, serving customers in 50+ countries. IFCO operates a pool of over 290 million Reusable Plastic Containers (RPCs) globally, which are used for over 1.4 billion shipments of fresh fruits and

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<sup>1</sup> Fraunhofer IBP study, Carbon Footprint of Food packaging, Commissioned by Stiftung Initiative Mehrweg (SIM) Feb 2018; The Sustainability of Packaging Systems for Fruit and Vegetable Transport in Europe based on Life-Cycle-Analysis, Update 2009”, published in February 2009 by Stiftung Initiative Mehrweg



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vegetables, meat, poultry, seafood, eggs, bread, and other items from suppliers to grocery retailers every year. IFCO RPCs ensure a better fresh food supply chain by protecting freshness and quality and lowering costs, food waste and environmental impact compared to single-use packaging. IFCO is a Brambles Company. More: [www.ifco.com](http://www.ifco.com).

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