

During the spring, we will complete the initiative that was started in autumn 2008 to reclaim materials in all plastic packaging. Previously, soft plastic packaging was mainly used for energy extraction. There are many advantages to reclaiming materials, however. When soft plastic packaging is recycled for new products, instead of being burned, environmental gains increase sharply. One kilo of reclaimed plastic, for example, reduces carbon-dioxide emissions by two kilos.

For households, this means that they do not have to separate soft and hard plastic packaging but can instead put everything in the same container. This makes sorting significantly easier, and we expect that it will also result in increased source-sorting.

Common collection of plastic packaging also means that we can collect with the same truck, which reduces transports, thus providing an environmental gain, while at the same time making collection more cost-efficient.

The reason for the change is that there are now techniques that make it economically and environmentally advantageous to reclaim materials also in soft plastic packaging and that the market for reclaimed plastic is growing. The collected plastic packaging will primarily be processed by the company Swerec in Småland. Because we guarantee delivery of collected plastic, the company could make the decision to invest in construction of what is now one of Europe's most modern plastic reclaiming facilities. We see this as a further example of how producer responsibility and our recycling system benefits Swedish industry.



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IKEA: Well-conceived packaging contributes to improving the environment

IKEA is one of the country's largest packaging producers and naturally affiliated with REPA. For a company with such large packaging volumes, both costs and environmental impact can be reduced by increasing efficiency in the use of packaging.

Allan Dickner, Deputy Packaging Manager at IKEA, works with packaging development. He relates that the cornerstones in IKEA's packaging work are a) not to mix different materials, b) to use pure materials and c) to use materials that obtain the best results in life-cycle analyses (LCA).

"IKEA's flat packages are one example of how smart product development together with well-conceived packaging can contribute to a better environment through less material consumption, smart material choices and lower CO₂," says Allan Dickner.

"The smartest, most environmentally friendly and most cost-efficient solutions we obtain through designers, product developers and packaging technicians working together throughout the product development process. Otherwise a poor solution from the start could never be more than a little bit better. And it would never be completely successful.

"If we can give a tip to others, it would be to strive for simplicity, with as little air as possible in the packaging and with standardized materials and design. Do not mix materials unnecessarily, and never forget the customer focus.



If there is one thing we know, it is that new and different ways of solving problems can create unexpected opportunities," says Allan Dickner.

IKEA has been affiliated with REPA since producer responsibility was introduced in 1995.

"It is self-evident for every company with a vision for the future to participate in work for a sustainable society," concludes Allan Dickner.

Kent Carlsson – new President of FTI – Förpacknings- och tidningsinsamlingen

Kent Carlsson has been appointed new President of FTI – Förpacknings- och tidningsinsamlingen of which REPA is a part. Kent has extensive experience of work in the transport and logistics sectors and joins FTI from a position as President of CargoNet Sweden.

"With Kent Carlsson, FTI will have a president with solid knowledge and experience of transport and logistics," says Tony Sandell, Chairman of FTI's Board of Directors. "FTI's operations consist in large part of purchasing transport services and ensuring that all logistics relating to emptying recycling containers and transporting collected materials function with minimal environmental impact. In this work, Kent will be able to contribute to further developing FTI as a leading player in the environmental and recycling sector. We also believe that he will be decisive and clear in public debates."

Kent Carlsson is 48 and lives in Bromma outside Stockholm. In addition to his duties as President of CargoNet Sweden, he has also had the position for the past year as marketing and sales manager of the CargoNet Group (Norway and Sweden).



"I have had a number of stimulating years at CargoNet, but I now look forward to working with FTI. It is a challenge to work in an organization that is intended to improve our environment.

I hope to be able to contribute to further developing operations and increasing efficiency within the framework of producer responsibility," says Kent Carlsson, who will assume his position as President on April 19, 2010.

New affiliation manager

As of March 10, we have a new staff member at REPA. She is Sofia Erixson, who will primarily work with affiliation of new companies to REPA. In addition, Sofia will work with various projects and take responsibility for certain customers and segments.



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Changes to metal packaging fees

Fee increases

The market for recycled metal goods is recovering more slowly than expected. As a direct result of this, the fees for metal packaging will be raised effective July 1, 2010.

Classification changes

On the same date, the classification of large metal cans will be changed from 16 cm to 15.3 cm in diameter.

See the new fees below.

Packaging fees

Metals, cans > 16 cm in diameter, until 31 March 2010	SEK 0.45/kg
Metals, cans > 16 cm in diameter, until 30 June 2010	SEK 0.55/kg
Metals, cans 15.3 cm in diameter and larger, from 1 July 2010	SEK 0.66/kg
Metals, aluminium, other, until 31 March 2010	SEK 1.80/kg
Metals, aluminium, other, until 30 June 2010	SEK 2.10/kg
Metals, aluminium, other, from 1 July 2010	SEK 2.52/kg
Metals, steel plate, other, until 31 March 2010	SEK 1.80/kg
Metals, steel plate, other, until 30 June 2010	SEK 2.10/kg
Metals, steel plate, other, from 1 July 2010	SEK 2.52/kg
Metals, steel band and wire until 31 March 2010	SEK 0.20/kg
Metals, steel band and wire until 30 June 2010	SEK 0.35/kg
Metals, steel band and wire from 1 July 2010	SEK 0.42/kg
Metals, drums	SEK 0.06/kg
Cardboard/paper, beverage carton ¹	SEK 0.75/kg
Cardboard/paper, other	SEK 0.52/kg
Cardboard/paper, certain industrial packaging ²	SEK 0.02/kg
Corrugated board ³	SEK 0.12 /0.29 /1.22/kg
Corrugated board, service packaging ⁴	SEK 0.52/kg
Plastics, commercial packaging ⁵ , until 31 March 2010	SEK 0.00/kg
Plastics, commercial packaging ⁵ , from 1 April 2010	SEK 0.10/kg
Plastics, other (household), until 31 March 2010	SEK 1.25/kg
Plastics, other (household), from 1 April 2010	SEK 1.37/kg
Plastics, service and grower packaging ⁶ , until 31 March 2010	SEK 1.13/kg
Plastics, service and grower packaging ⁶ , from 1 April 2010	SEK 1.24/kg

1) E.g. juice and milk packaging, cartons for soup etc.

2) That is shells and paper tubes (paper cores in the center of rolls) except those which could end up with the consumer. Molded pulp drums. End covers and wrapping paper for large paper rolls delivered from paper mills.

3) The fee payable is printed on the reporting form and depends on the company's operating sector.

4) Service packaging refers to packaging that is mainly "filled" in the store/restaurant (e.g. pizza cartons made of corrugated board) or by consumers themselves

5) Commercial packaging means plastic packaging for goods that are not intended for individual consumer use. Amounts shall be shown despite the fact that the fee is SEK 0.00/kg.

6) Service packaging refers to plastic packaging that is mainly "filled" in the store/restaurant or by consumers themselves, for example bags on roll, carrier bags and cling film. Grower packaging refers to plastic packaging that is used for packaging mainly unprocessed products from agriculture, market-gardening and the like for example cucumber film, lettuce film and plastic bags for carrots.

Review of the billing system

FTI/REPA has decided to initiate a review of its billing system. More information will be provided in the next newsletter.

Current announcements

INCREASED FEES

Metal packaging

Metal packaging fees will be raised as of July 1, 2010. On this date, the classification of "Metal, cans larger than 16 cm in diameter" will also be changed to "Metal, cans 15.3 cm in diameter and larger."

The new fees will be as follows:

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| • Metal, cans 15.3 cm in diameter and larger | SEK 0.66 per kg |
| • Metal, other aluminum | SEK 2.52 per kg |
| • Metal, other steel plate | SEK 2.52 per kg |
| • Metal, steel band and wire | SEK 0.42 per kg |
| • Drums | SEK 0.06 (unchanged) |

REPA – part of FTI

Since August 1, 2007 REPA's operations were transferred to FTI - Förpacknings- och Tidningsinsamlingen (the Packaging and Newspaper Collection). In practice, this has not involved any change for customers in REPA. REPA is retained as a brand and a subsidiary of FTI. The mission of FTI is to ensure that all packaging and newspapers in Sweden are collected and recycled. We are responsible for about 5,800 collection stations in the country where households can deposit their packaging and newspapers. FTI is a non-profit organization.



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