



ICCR Begins Industrial Packaging Carbon Project

The International Confederation of Container Reconditioners wants every purchaser of industrial packagings in the world to know that using reconditioned containers reduces emissions of greenhouse gases.

ICCR is a global group representing private container reconditioning companies. It is governed by the three principal trade associations representing Japan, Europe and North America. ICCR members also include the South African reconditioning association and reconditioners operating facilities in China.

“This project, being developed in cooperation with Ernst & Young (EY), aims to create a globally recognized tool that will enable companies that use steel drums, plastic drums and intermediate bulk containers, to easily determine the GHG savings derived from the use of reconditioned rather than new containers,” explained ICCR Chair Paul Rankin.

Industrial containers fall within the definition of Scope 3 emissions, which are emissions resulting from activities indirectly controlled by the reporting organization, including purchased goods and services, noted Rankin. “Companies must always use containers - - new or reconditioned - - that are safe and fit for purpose,” he said. “However, to the extent that a reconditioned container is already being used, or can be substituted for a new container, the ICCR calculator will allow a company to easily calculate its GHG savings, and then report those savings as off-sets against its annual carbon emissions,” concluded Rankin.

“ICCR believes this program can change the way the world views reusable containers and the reconditioning industry,” said Rankin. Reconditioners are leading the ways towards a carbon-free future, he concluded.