



# Lower costs by up to 27%: how IFCO RPCs compare to single-use packaging



Switching from single-use packaging to IFCO RPCs eliminates US\$ 772 million in costs from fresh food supply chains each year.

**A better supply chain serves us all. Let's eat.**

## Driving savings with IFCO RPCs

As a company increases its use of IFCO RPCs, it sees more efficient handling and use of space, and a reduction in product

damage. For example, a supermarket chain using RPCs for just 20% of its five million annual fresh food shipments will save US\$ 125,000 – 270,000 a year. If it converts all its fresh shipments to RPCs,

that same supermarket chain would further reduce costs – by an additional US\$ 1.4 – 4.1 million each year.

Data from: Analysis of Packaging Cost Impacts, Fraunhofer Institute for Material Flow and Logistics on behalf of IFCO SYSTEMS, 2008; University of Bonn, Institute for Animal Science, Cold-Chain Management Working Group and the Fraunhofer Institute for Material Flow and Logistics, 2013; Analysis of the Impact of Packaging on Indirect Costs in the Retail Fresh Produce Supply Chain, California Polytechnic State University, 2015



### For producers



#### Costs down by 10%

- Fresh produce cools faster and more efficiently
- Less damage during transport and fewer rejections
- Space-saving design and minimal inventory requirements



### At point of sale



#### Costs down by 51%

- Ergonomic handling for faster replenishment
- No packaging waste
- Greater savings with optional one-touch merchandising



### In the warehouse



#### Costs down by 25%

- Lower handling, storage and equipment costs
- Less product damage
- RPCs' ergonomic design means fewer pulls and strains



### Transport



#### Costs down by 5%

- Secure stacking for a more stable pallet
- Designed for most efficient use of space
- Unaffected by moisture

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