# Transparent, sustainable and cost-effective: the GS1 SMART-Box in manufacturers to retail networks

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### Look back

**Baseline Situation** 

- Large diversity in the containers used
- Proprietary box-systems in closed, company-owned cycles
- No returnable cycles between industry and retail



#### **Objective/Motivation**

- Optimization of processes and costs
- Savings in material costs
- Better utilization of freight space
- Reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



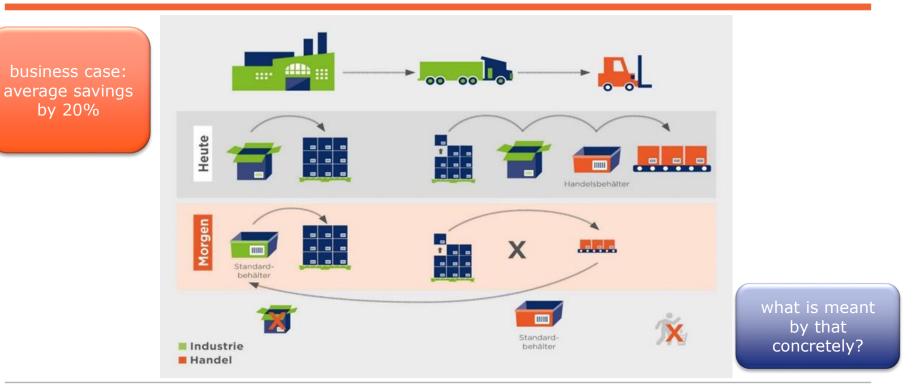
#### Steps done

- Checking technical feasibility
- Carry out a pilot test
- Process cost analysis at all levels of the supply chain
- Demand planning





### What benefits are expected?





### Business case: optimizing loading capacity



- change from stacked consignments with American boxes to EUL 1/2 consignments with the GS1 SMART-Box
- Reducing pallet space (transport)
- Reducing cost for pallet cycle (estimated av. 3,81€)\*
- Reducing administration
   expenses



\*based on a analysis of Fraunhofer IML



### Business case: optimizing of processes



- change from opening the cardboard box, repacking the goods and dispose of packaging material to an optimized flow
- optimized picking process both at the manufacturer (mixed pallets) and the retailer
- saving in material costs

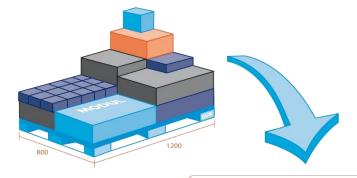




### additional potential: increasing the capacity utilization rate

- The GS1 SMART-Box will be available in six different sizes. ٠
  - 600 x 400 mm
    300 x 400 mm
    3 different heights





the criteria for • modularity can be applied to primary packaging as well in the long term

Grundmaß	Multimodule	Untermaße
	1.200 x 800 mm	
	800 x 600 mm	
600 x 400 mm		
		400 x 300 mm
		300 x 200 mm
		400 x 200 mm
		400 x 150 mm
		300 x 100 mm



## additional potential: savings on foils and labels



- using serialized GRAI for identification instead of a separate article label (GTIN)
   → SSCC only on pallet
- the serialized GRAI is fixed to the box across all processes
- the removal of the label is not necessary after each circulation and thus reduces the pooling costs







### additional potential: further steps of optimizing processes







optimization of the order delivery process → mixed pallets

#### storage in SMART-Boxes instead of on pallets

using the SMART-Box for delivery to the point of sale



### Ensure implementation



- Defining the set of GS1 SMART-Boxes
- Designing returnable cycles
- Creating demand planning
- Achieving commitment between stakeholders



### GS1 SMART-Box



 $\rightarrow$  The label is supplemented by RFID right from the start

- 6 different sizes (based on 600x400 and 300x400 mm)
- Process requirements
  - o fit to the conveyor system
  - Shutter for easier picking process
  - Nap field for easier removal of labels
- o GS1 identification standards
  - Serialized GRAI for asset type and version
  - Left-/right-identification (shutter)
- Compliance with VdS\* fire protection requirements

 $\ast$  VdS is an independent institution which has been ensuring safety and trust in the fields of fire protection and security

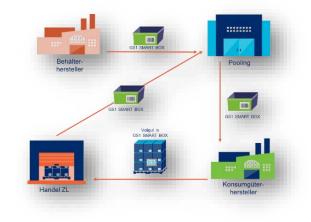


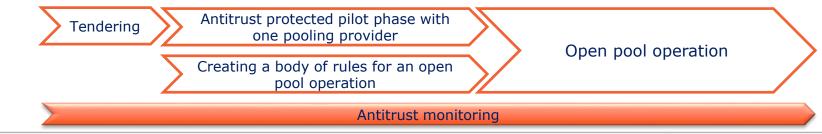
### Designing returnable cycles

#### **Aspiration:**

- Low complexity for implementation
- ✓ High standards of quality assurance
- ✓ No sorting effort in the supply chain
- Maximum service at low costs
- ✓ High availability of SMART-Boxes even at seasonal peaks
- ✓ Interoperability by using a standard
- ✓ High competition between pooling providers

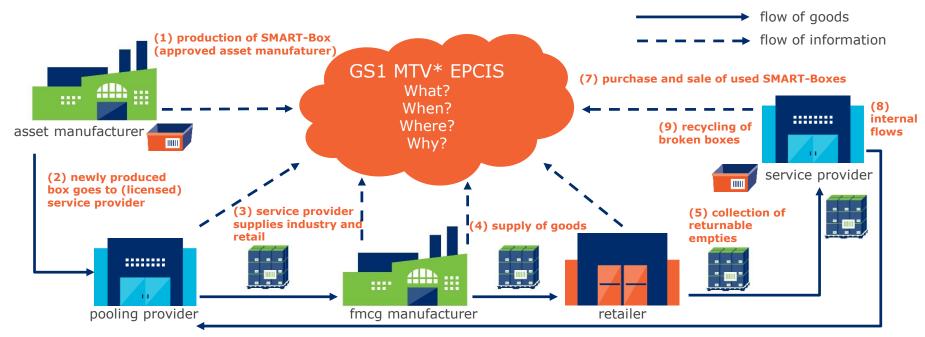
#### Approach:







### Development of an innovative circular economy

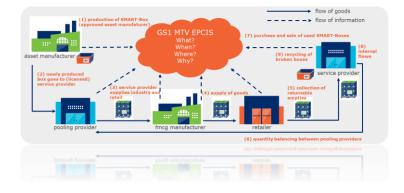


#### \*MTV = Mehrweg-Transportverpackung = returnable assets

(6) quantity balancing between pooling providers



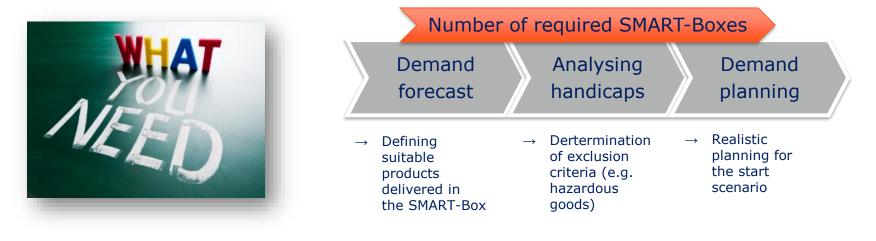
### Basis for a completely transparent system

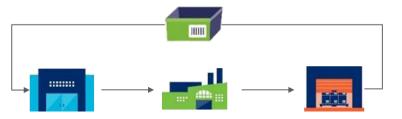


- combines the advantages of closed and open pool systems
- the life cycle of each load carrier can be traced from its production "birth" to its utilization "death"
- plagiarism will be identified soon and grey markets will be dissolved as early as the development phase



## Creating demand planning

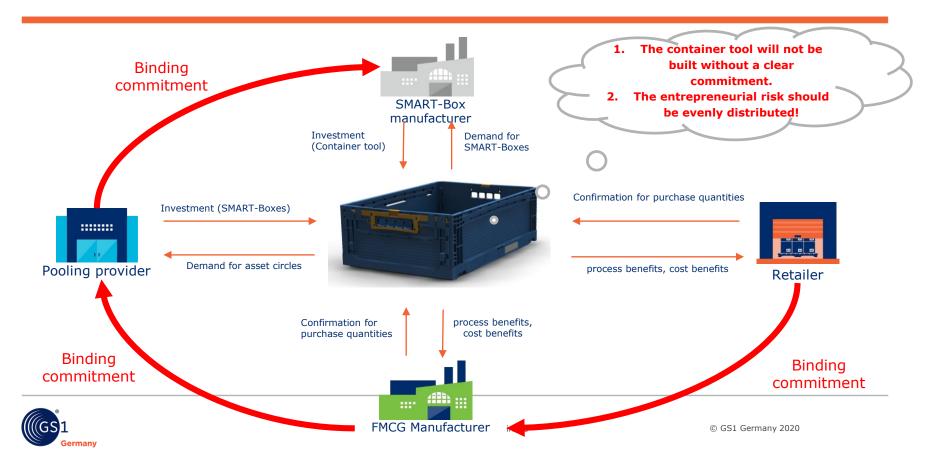




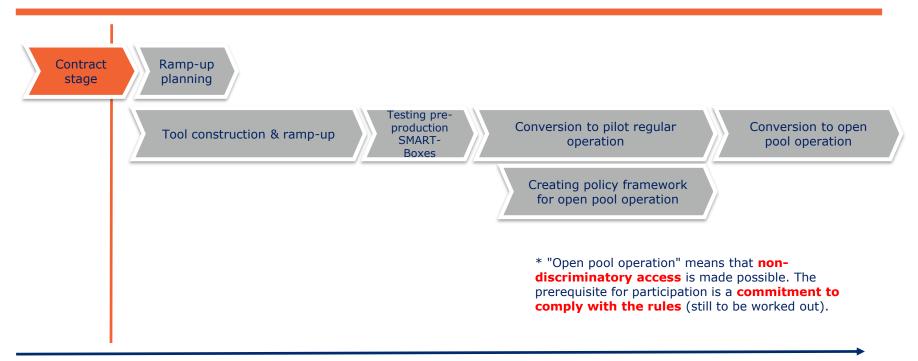
 $\rightarrow$  The frequency of the asset circles also determines the number of SMART-Boxes required.



### Achieving commitment between stakeholders



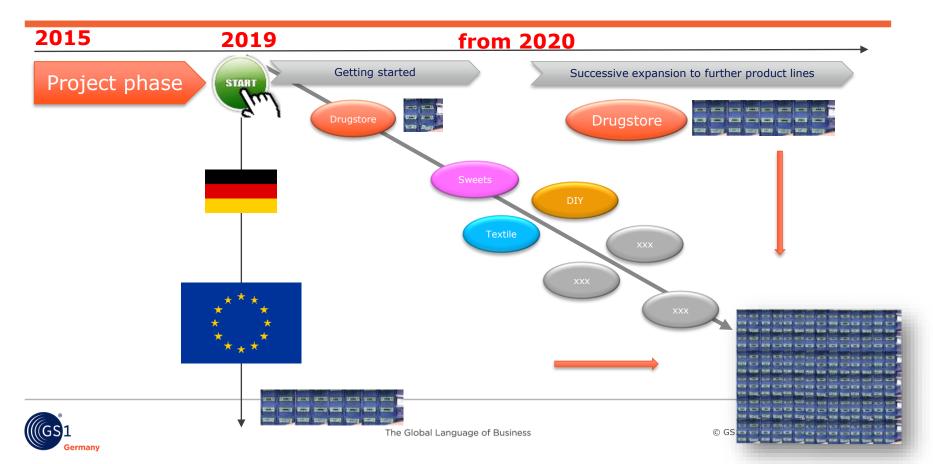
### Planning based on contract conclusion



#### Current status



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