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 CO₂ emissions



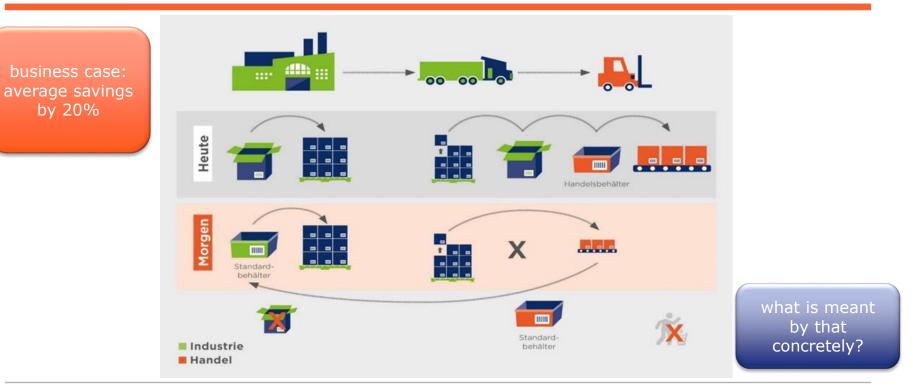
Steps done

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



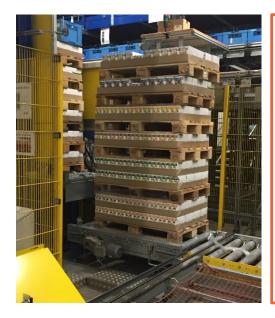


What benefits are expected?





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



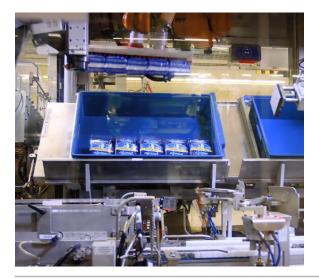
- change from opening the cardboard box, repacking the goods and dispose of packaging material to an optimized flow
- optimized picking process both at the manufacturer (mixed pallets) and the retailer
- saving in material costs

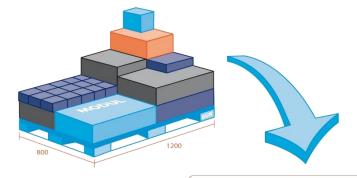




additional potential: increasing the capacity utilization rate

- 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

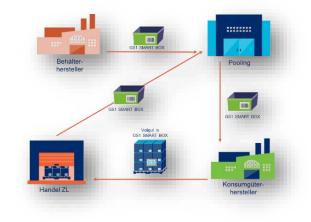


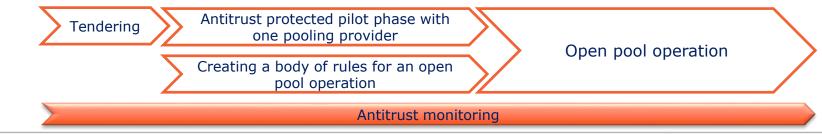
Designing returnable cycles

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

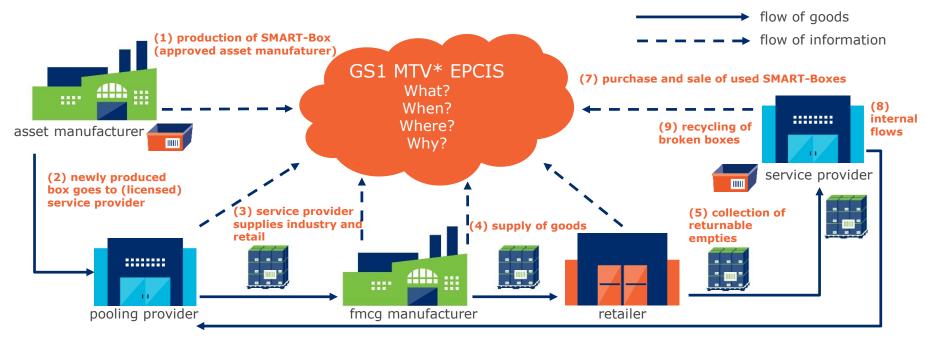
Approach:







Development of an innovative circular economy

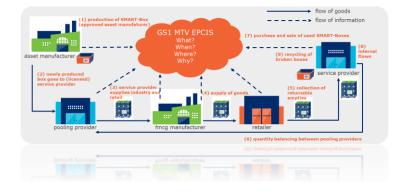


*MTV = Mehrweg-Transportverpackung = returnable assets

(6) quantity balancing between pooling providers



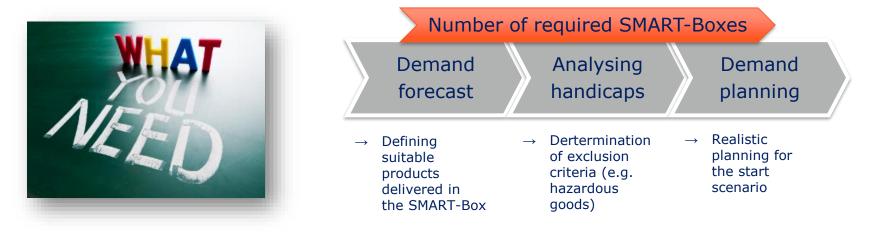
Basis for a completely transparent system

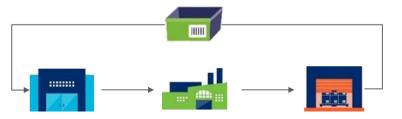


- combines the advantages of closed and open pool systems
- the life cycle of each load carrier can be traced from its production "birth" to its utilization "death"
- plagiarism will be identified soon and grey markets will be dissolved as early as the development phase



Creating demand planning

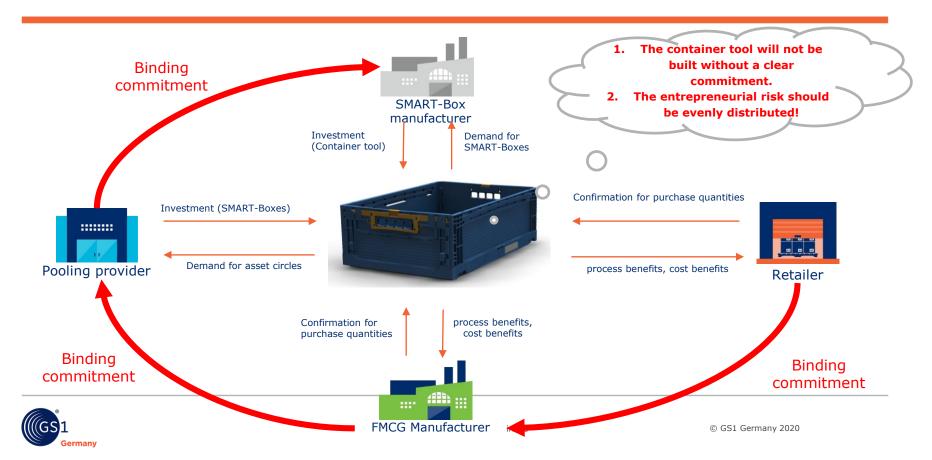




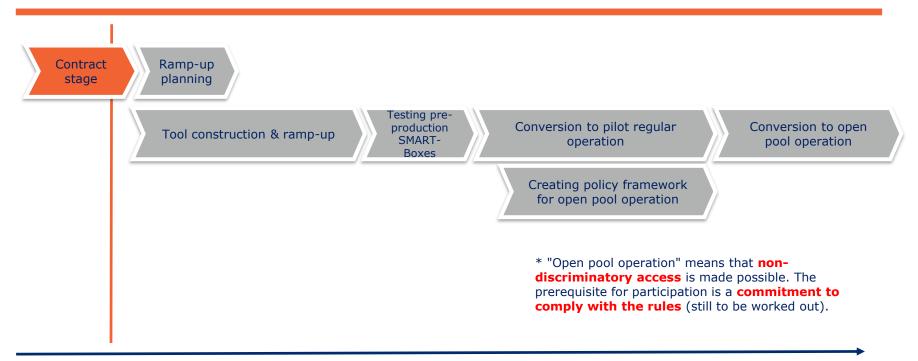
 \rightarrow The frequency of the asset circles also determines the number of SMART-Boxes required.



Achieving commitment between stakeholders



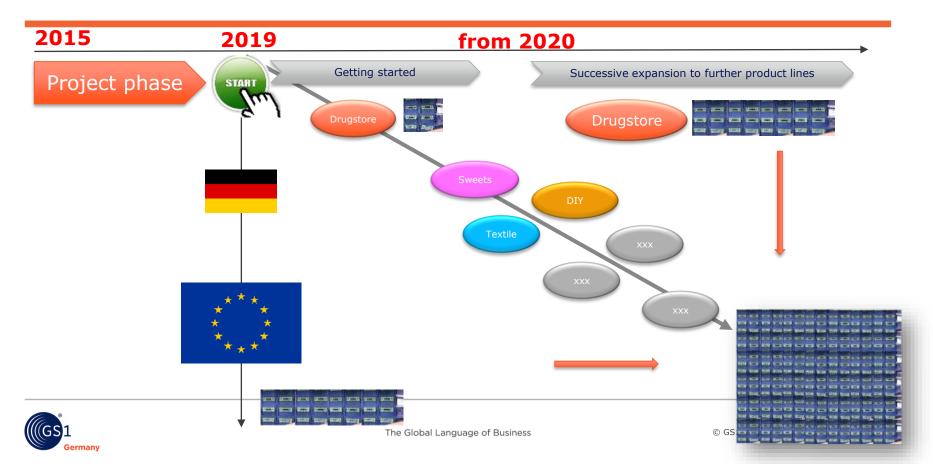
Planning based on contract conclusion



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