

Packaging, Pallets and Palletisation

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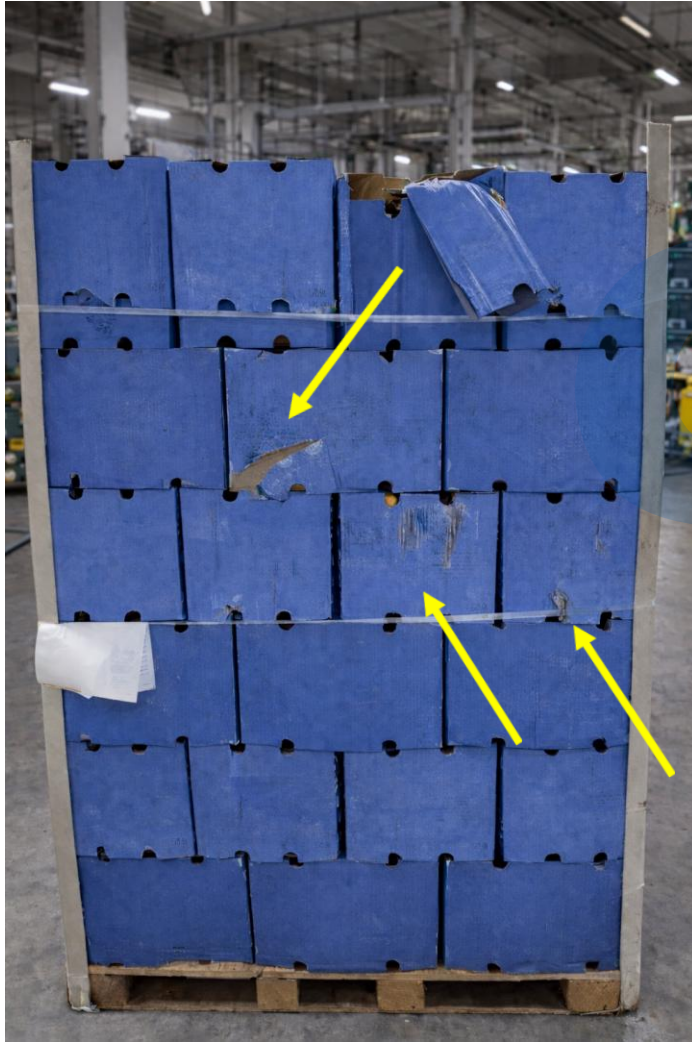
2025 Feedback



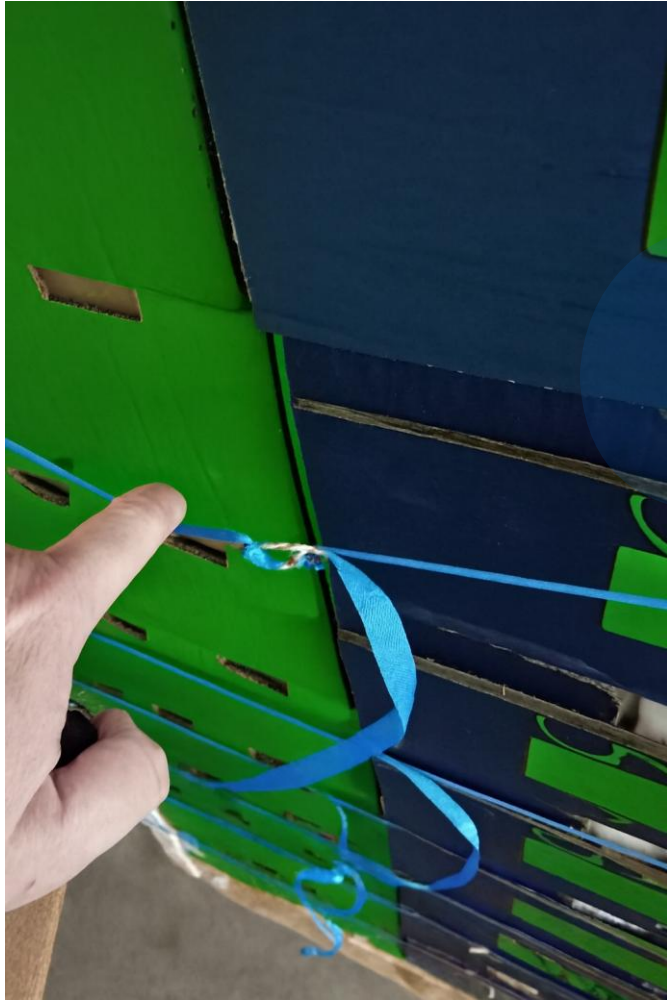
2025 Feedback – Carton Damage



2025 Feedback – Scuffing



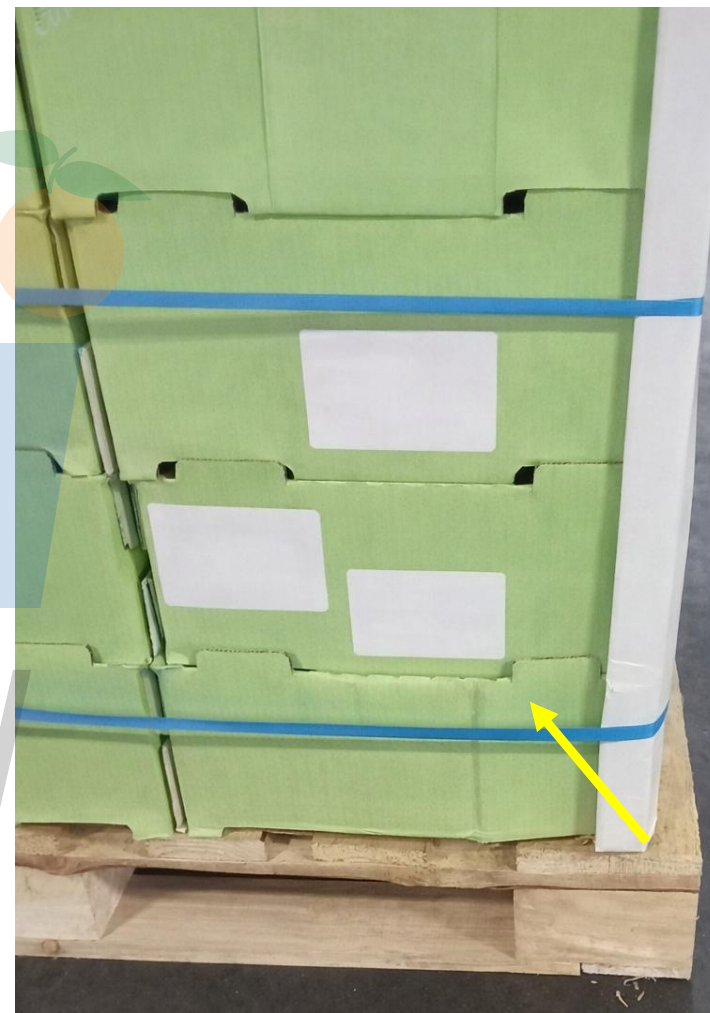
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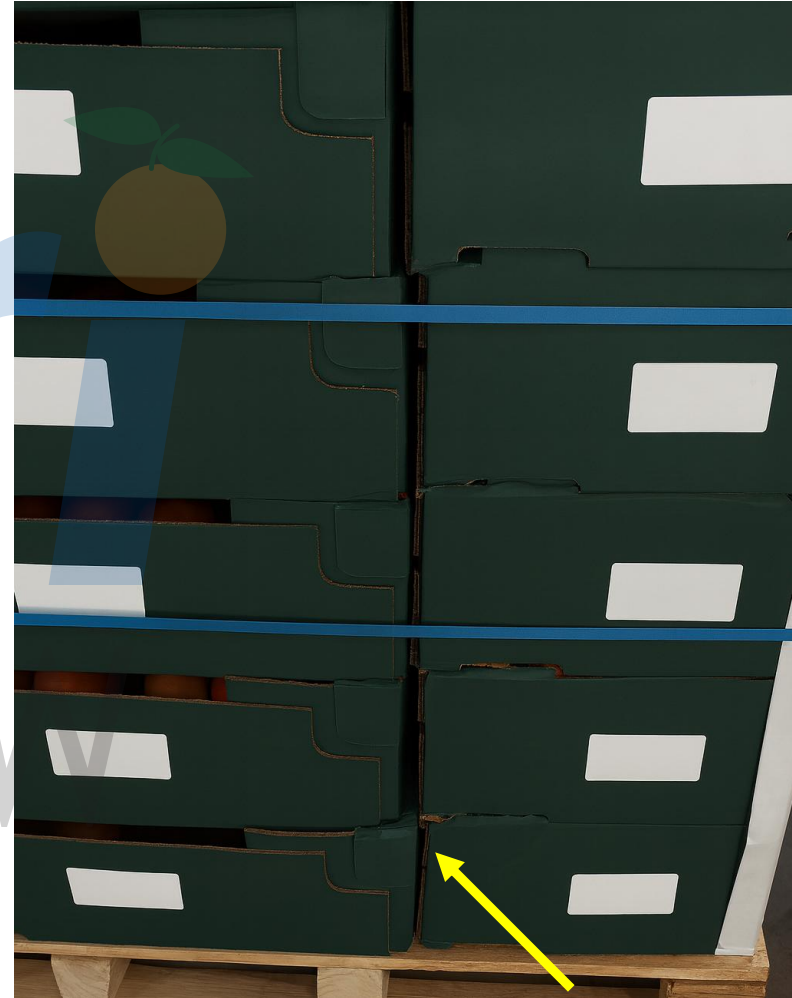
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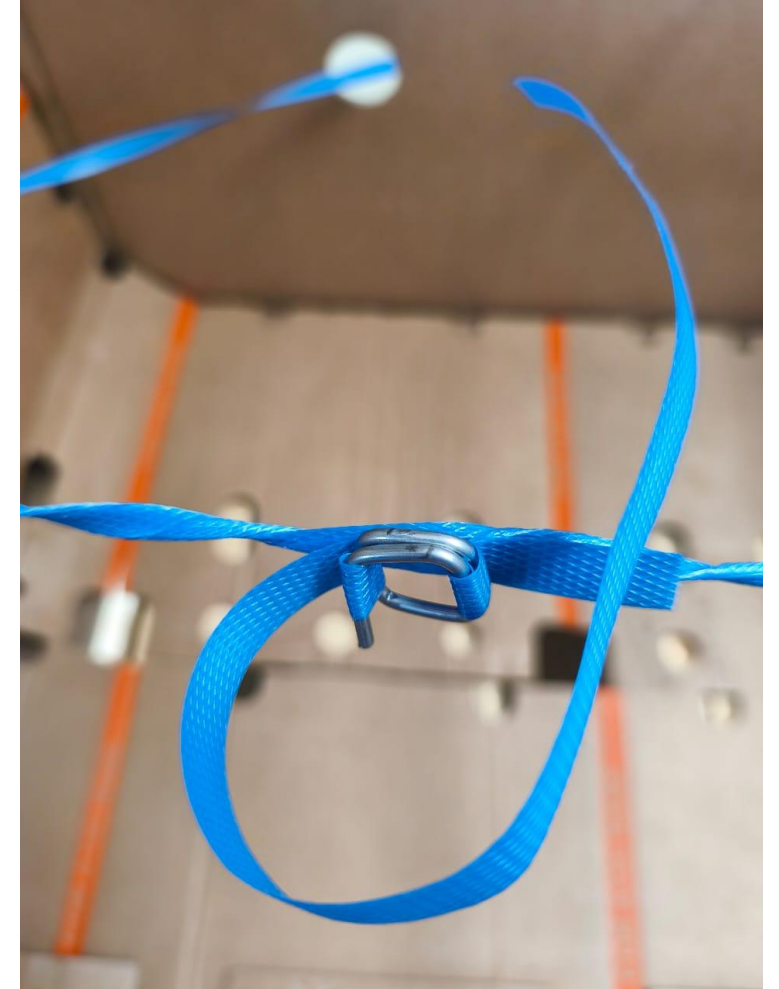
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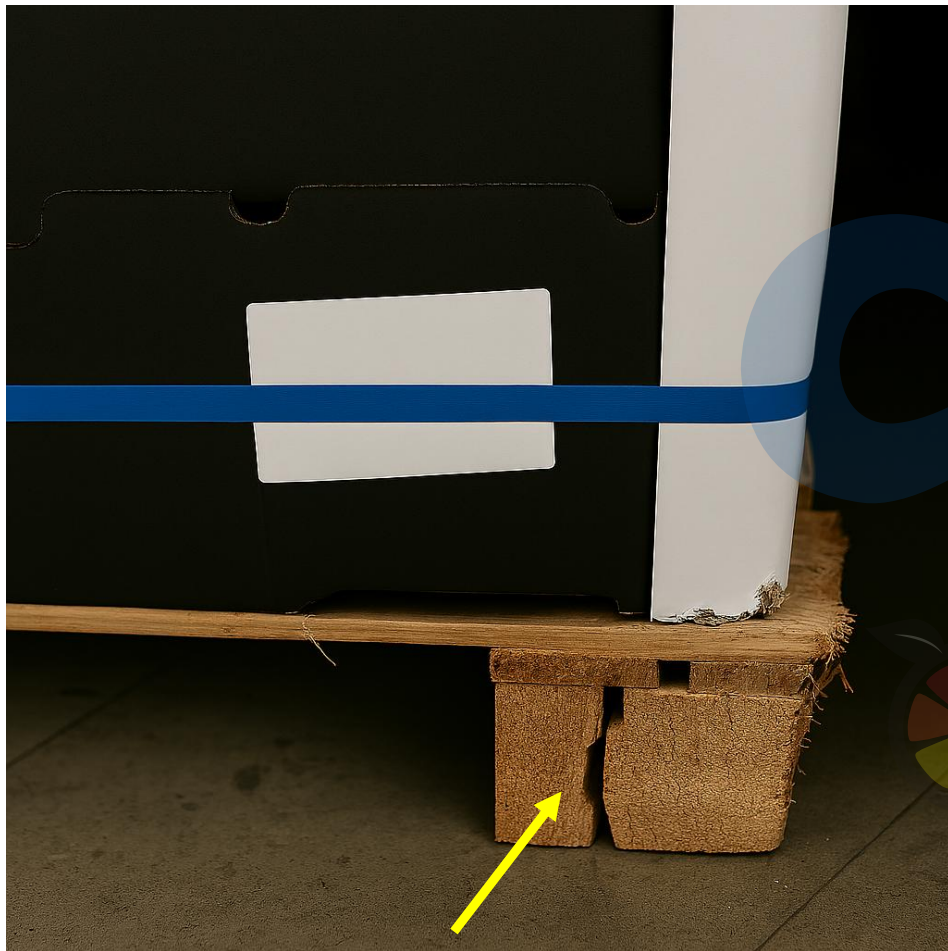
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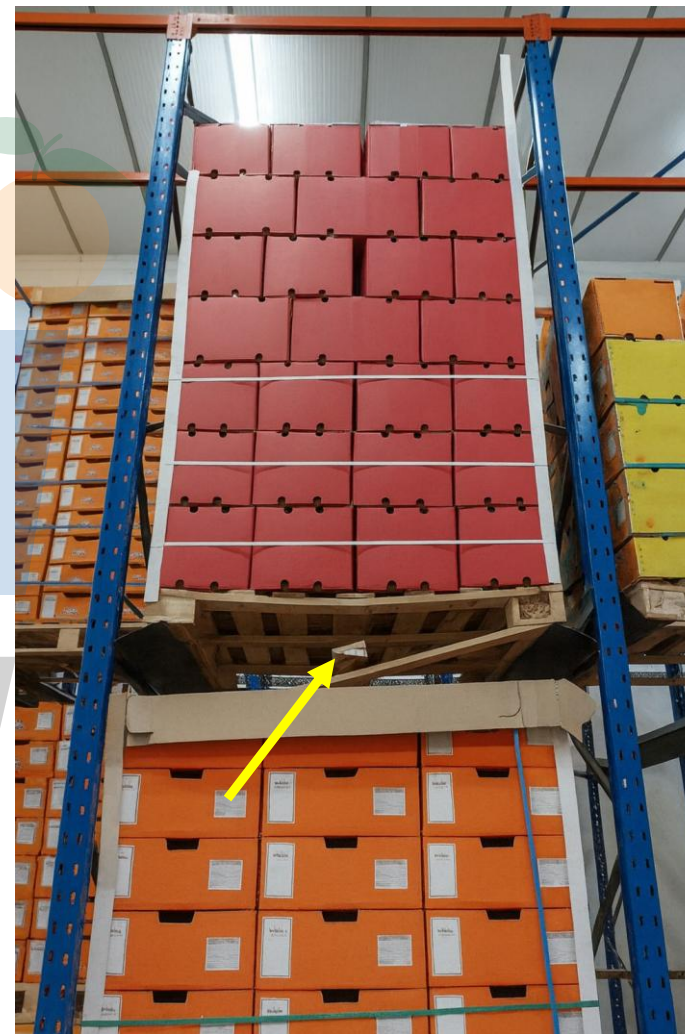
2025 Feedback – Bulk Bins



2025 Feedback – Pallet Damage



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Carton Erecting



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Pallets - Design



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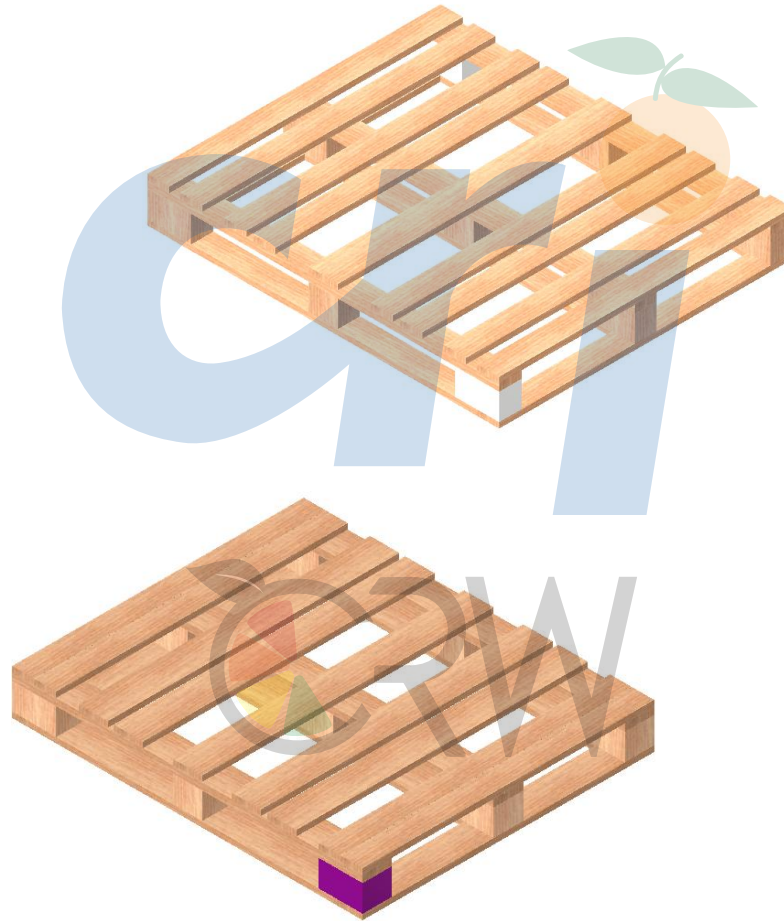
Pallets - Quality



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2026 Innovations



2026 Recommendations

1. Follow palletisation guidelines
2. Use good quality cartons, securing sheets, strapping, corner pieces and pallets – **compromising any component will affect the other components and the overall palletised load**
3. Inspect pallets before palletisation
4. Inspect palletised loads – loose strapping, carton erecting issues, placement on pallet, pallet damage
5. Ensure the pallet you buy fits the carton size you are packing on it and is suitable for export
6. Ensure pallets are well secured during transportation

Going Forward

1. Separate Pallet Guide and Working Group
2. Carton Erecting Troubleshooting Guide
3. Bulk Bin Strapping Optimisation
4. Updated Packaging Guidelines
5. Research Projects – Creep, Damage, Strapping etc.