

European Food Network founded: food logistics in a new dimension

Twelve established European food logistics providers will in future cooperate in a powerful pan-European association. The “European Food Network” stands for reliable, transnational food logistics with uniform standards. From 1 October the new “vivengo” product world will also be introduced across the network.

Munich/Kempton, 06.06.2013. “The food market is becoming more and more trans-European – and so are we,” Dachser Food Logistics managing director Alfred Miller said today at the transport logistic trade fair in Munich, where he presented the European Food Network together with representatives from the participating companies. Twelve European food logistics providers have set up this network and thus created a transport network that covers the major part of Europe (*see overview on p. 3*). The new cooperation transports food consignments in the non-frozen segment in accordance with network-wide standards.

“In the meantime over half of all food logistics tenders we receive have a trans-European character,” Miller says. “Retailers and producers nowadays are increasingly looking beyond national boundaries when it comes to planning their distribution structures. We are aiming to meet this need and with the European Food Network offer them transnational logistics from a single source.” This covers defined service and quality criteria for customers as well as common internal standards, for example for processes, documentation, IT interfaces and liability. The result: Europe-wide food logistics is set to become faster, more transparent and more reliable.

Within this network, Dachser will assume systems leadership. The network is organized on a basis of mutual trust by sound family enterprises with a solid track record over many years in their respective regional markets. They each service areas of Europe in which they have excellent access to both retailers and producers. The European Food Network consolidates the expertise of established food logistics providers for customers operating Europe-wide in a self-contained system.

Together, the European Food Network generates revenue with food logistics of around 1.2 billion euros and has almost one million food-conditioned warehouse pallet spaces as well

as some 3,500 vehicles in service. In the coming months it is planned to add more partners. The mission of the European Food Network, Miller says, is “to become the leading network for intra-European food transport operations and a constant for the European food sector”.

New, network-wide uniform product world: vivengo

From 1 October a new product world will also be phased in. The new vivengo range of services defines the transport capacity with uniform transport and IT standards (see *overview on p. 4*). Transit times are calculated uniformly on the basis of predefined distance radii across all participating companies in the European Food Network. From the non-time-sensitive “vengoflex” solution to urgent special tours or Sunday and public holiday deliveries with “vengospeed plus”, vivengo meets all customer requirements. The new line of transit time products will apply from October for defined countries and will be phased in gradually.