As part of CHEP’s commitment to continually improving our products and solutions, we are making a significant quality investment in our European pallet pool to help customers move more products, more efficiently and more sustainably than ever before.

Through continuous innovation we are creating an enhanced and more robust European (1208) platform to better protect your products throughout the supply chain.

Dimensions and tolerances will stay the same, so that your operations will not be impacted by the change, but the new design elements will deliver benefits to help address the changing needs within the supply chain. Invoicing will also not be impacted.

Our customers will benefit from improved quality, performance and safety. Furthermore, our industry-leading sustainability assurance program will help you achieve your business and environmental goals without having to compromise one for the other.

The result is an enhanced and more robust European 1208 platform with industry-leading top deck coverage to better protect your products throughout the supply chain.
What is new about the Enhanced B1208A?

- 14% better top deck coverage thanks to wider top boards
- Smaller gaps in top deck to reduce manual handling health & safety risk
- More timber and nails used for a stronger, more durable pallet. Weight 26kg
- Increased compatibility with automated environments
Benefits of the enhanced 1208 pallet

**Improved platform quality, performance and dimensional consistency**

- Sturdier platform constructed for precision in conveyance and resilience in use and transit.
- More compatible with automated and hygienic environments, with less chance of splintering and wood debris.

**Improved safety and industry-leading sustainability**

- 100% certified sustainable timber (full chain of custody FSC/PEFC certification across all Europe pallet manufacture and repair).
- Increased resilience and less damage will reduce timber consumption and CO2 emissions.
- Removing the gaps between the first two boards which can help reduce risk of labour-related finger and hand injuries resulting from incorrect handling of pallets.
- CHEP/Brambles has the strongest Sustainability programme and certifications in the industry.**

**Industry-leading top deck coverage to better protect your products**

- More robust design and increased surface coverage to better support your products and their packaging, resulting in less product damage.
- At least 14% better top deck coverage than other competing platforms. (CHEP = 90.6% top deck coverage; other pooled or whitewood = 79.4% or less.)

**Ensuring a seamless transition (with no impact to your internal operations)**

- We have maintained the external dimensions and tolerances so that your internal operations, automation and handling will not be impacted by the design changes. This has been tested and validated with various manufacturers and retailers across Europe.
- As we are adding more timber and nails to improve pallet quality and performance, you may experience a slight weight increase (average 1.35 kg). However, the actual weight of pallets is mostly dependent on moisture content, wood species, and wood density and therefore varies by +/-20% based on individual pallet characteristics.
- The design changes will have no impact on the drying process, and pallets will continue to be supplied to customers based on their individual agreements.
- The design changes will have no impact on customer invoicing
- The design changes will have no impact on manual handling. *Please note, according to existing Health & Safety regulations, it is not advised for a single person to lift any pooled or whitewood pallet due to the weight.
- The transition from the existing pallet will be gradual over a few years as our pallets circulate through the network, so you will likely see the two versions together during the transition period.

The main areas of difference you will be able to see are:
- Wider top boards, butted together resulting in 90.6% top deck coverage
- Fewer, smaller, better positioned gaps between the remaining boards.

**To find out more about our products and solutions, please visit www.CHEP.com**