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GUNDA RACHUT CHAIR OF THE NEW FOUNDATION CENTRAL OFFICE OF THE PACKAGING REGISTER

Osnabrück/Berlin, 28.06.2017 The environmental lawyer Gunda Rachut has been appointed chair of the newly established Foundation Central Office of the Packaging Register. Upon enforcement of the Packaging Act on 01.01.2019, the Foundation, with head office in Osnabrück, will ensure more transparency in and control of packaging disposal and recycling in its capacity as an entrusted authority. For this purpose it keeps a register of all those responsible for products in industry and trade, compares quantity data provided by manufacturers and assures more recycling-friendly design in packaging by introducing standards.

After her law studies in France and Germany, Gunda Rachut first began self-employment as a surveyor. She developed expert reports on topics concerning the recycling business and resource efficiency, concepts and principles for surveyor activities, certification and studies in all the main sectors of waste and environmental management, both in Germany and throughout the world. Besides monitoring systems her focal points included concepts for sorting and quantity flow analyses in the packaging sector, with waste electrical gadgets and in the recycling of plastics, as well as their accompanying IT systems.

On behalf of the Federal Environment Agency Rachut was a co-author of studies on the further development of packaging waste disposal and in 2011 participated in two baseline studies during the simulation period of the planned Recycling Act.

Parallel to the legislation procedure, as manager of the project company she developed the establishment of the Foundation Central Office of the Packaging Register that was founded in 2015 by the Bundesvereinigung der deutschen Ernährungsindustrie (BVE) (Federation of German Food and Drink Industries), the Handelsverband Deutschland (HDE) (German Retail Association), the IK Industrievereinigung Kunststoffverpackungen (German Industrial Plastic Packaging Association) and the Markenverband (Trade Mark Association).

Gunda Rachut works and lives with her family in Osnabrück. In several publications and books she advocates the transfer of knowledge from within the recycling industry to a wider market.

Central Office of the Packaging Register

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