

## PRESS RELEASE

### **IMPORTACO REDUCES ITS ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY 5.12%**

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- The energy savings it has achieved so far represents a decrease of 2,538 MWh.
- Importaco has avoided the emission of 14,167 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>, thanks to the fact that 100% of the electricity it consumes comes from renewable sources.

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The energy transition towards a development model based on efficiency and the promotion of renewable energy sources is key to adapting to climate change. Electricity generation is one of the most important factors, as it represents 40% of global emissions<sup>1</sup>.

Mindful of this issue, in 2018 Importaco decided to draw up a Strategic Energy Efficiency Plan, which established that all electricity consumed must be from renewable sources, and indicated areas for improvement where energy consumption could be reduced. Thanks to this plan, energy consumption has been reduced by 5.12%, which represents a decrease in consumption of 2,538 MWh.

Importaco's Strategic Energy Efficiency Plan sets out the key points that underlie a more efficient and responsible use of energy. The priorities outlined by the plan are: the optimisation of energy resource use, and the increased sustainability of the company's production centres from a technical, economic and environmental point of view. By implementing these priorities, Importaco has committed to reducing its energy consumption by 8% by 2020.

#### **Energy Efficiency Plan Results**

As a starting point, Importaco carried out energy audits in all its production centres in order to better understand its current energy consumption and identify areas for improvement. All the electricity consumed at Importaco comes from renewable sources. This has avoided the emission of 14,167 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>, equivalent to the amount emitted by 6,028 cars over an entire year. Importaco also has its own photovoltaic solar energy generation plants, which last year generated 1,144 MWh.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.iea.org/statistics/co2emissions/>

Importaco's total energy consumption in the past year was 70,737 MWh, 68% of which came from renewable sources. In total, the company's emissions associated with energy consumption amounted to 6,860 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>.

### **Measures implemented for responsible energy management**

Last year, Importaco invested 500,000 euros into energy efficiency. Thanks to these resources, which included contributions from the Institute for Diversification and Saving of Energy (IDAE), Importaco has implemented an energy management system in 4 of its production centres<sup>1</sup>. This system allows the company to control energy use in its facilities, monitor energy consumption in real time and correct deviations quickly.

A proportion of these investments has been earmarked for improving the energy efficiency of the facilities. The most significant improvements have been those made to lighting, heating, air conditioning and compressed air equipment, as these processes are responsible for 60% of the energy consumed in the production centres.

### **Commitment to environmental sustainability**

Importaco is committed to environmental sustainability in all its actions. As a result of this commitment, all its plants in Spain and Turkey are certified under the ISO 14001: Environmental Management System standard. In terms of advances in environmental management, the company has implemented actions to achieve 100% recycling of its waste and to promote the use of sustainable materials such as FSC-certified cardboard.

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#### About Importaco

Importaco is a family food company founded in 1940 that focuses on two different business activities: Dried Fruit and Nuts, and Natural Drinks.

The company has 14 production centres – 12 in Spain, one in Poland and one in Turkey. These centres produce a wide range of products: nuts, dried fruit, chocolate-covered nuts, snacks and mineral water.

Importaco's workforce is made up of 1375 people, of which 45% are women and 55% are men. All our employees strive every day to achieve our corporate purpose: *to improve people's health and well-being while ensuring responsible production and consumption.*

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<b>Title of the project</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Subsidy granted</b>
Implementation of an energy management system in a Dried Fruits Plant	Importaco Casa Pons, S.A.U.	€10,446.58
Implementation of an energy management system in a Dried Fruit and Nuts Plant	Importaco Casa Pons, S.A.U.	€55,770
Implementation of an energy management system in the Aguas de Cortes Plant	Aguas de Cortes, S.A.	€32,760