



## SCHÜTZ Japan expands network with a new site in Ako

With short distances, service and local contacts, SCHÜTZ guarantees its global customers the highest degree of supply security. Japan is no exception to this rule, and a second site has just been opened in the west of the country. In Ako in the Hyōgo prefecture, SCHÜTZ Japan is now producing new IBCs and is also preparing to commission a reconditioning line of the highest technical standards.



**T**he high-tech plant built on the approximately 30,000 m<sup>2</sup> site boasts infrastructure that has been planned down to the smallest detail. The layout and equipment of the new SCHÜTZ site

complies with the highest production requirements, and there is sufficient capacity on the spacious site for future expansion.



**With a powerful multi-layer extrusion blow-moulding line for the production of IBC inner bottles and a highly automated assembly line, the new site in Japan manufactures SCHÜTZ containers with maximum quality and efficiency.**



Production meets the highest standards of cleanliness and risk minimisation, and preparations are being made for system certification according to FSSC 22000 (Food Safety System Certification). A state-of-the-art reconditioning line will round off the local portfolio and handles the eco-friendly reprocessing of used containers, which are collected by the SCHÜTZ TICKET SERVICE (STS) after emptying.

The new production plant enables us to optimise the supply chains of our many customers in the region, both economically and environmentally. Being geographically close to customers means shorter transport routes for the delivery of new IBCs and the collection of used containers through the STS. This ensures fast delivery times and permanently reduces

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. By opening the new plant in Ako, we are in an even better position to meet the needs and requirements of our customers. Together with the existing Japanese site in Hadano, we can guarantee fast response times and even greater flexibility in the nationwide supply of SCHÜTZ packaging.

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