

BIR sets up new trade committee

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The Bureau of International Recycling (BIR) is setting up a new committee to address trading issues affecting the recycled materials sector.

The new committee will be called the International Trade Council (ITC) and will be led by Robert Voss of Voss International.

"The ITC will be looking at anything affecting our day to day trading, like shipments and tariffs. We will be coming from the trade side rather than the environmental," Vos told MB.

The council is still at an early stage, but Voss said it will be made up of the BIR division heads.

He aims to hold the first ITC meeting at or before the next BIR conference in Düsseldorf in October.

At the BIR conference in Monaco this week, Voss was elected president of Eurometric, BIR's daughter association which represents the interests of non-ferrous metals scrap operators in the European Union.

Voss has served as president of the association once before from 1994-1998.

"I would like to continue and expand relations and liaison with various European Union departments," Voss said.

Voss takes over from Bjorn Grufman of MV Metallvarden AB in Stockholm.