

Bureau of International Recycling: Still Concern over EU Shipment Regulations (31.5.2007 15.15 Uhr)

Problems that could arise for exporters as a result of the revision of EU Shipment Regulations came under scrutiny at the BIR Plastics Committee meeting in Athens during BIR World Recycling Convention & Exhibition.

Brussels/Athens – According to the Bureau of International Recycling (BIR), past Chairman Peter Daalder (Daly Plastics BV, Netherlands) explained that, from July 12 this year, EU shipments of materials designated as waste were required to be accompanied by a form which effectively revealed the name of suppliers to the customer. In his opinion, businessmen would suffer potentially huge adverse consequences of this loss of confidentiality.

Current BIR Plastics Committee Chairman Surendra Borad (Gemini Corporation NV, Belgium) also pointed out that, at the time of the meeting, China had yet to respond to these new EU regulations. If no reply is received ahead of July 12, it is possible that EU exports of plastics scrap could become subject to time-consuming and expensive “red list” requirements.

But there is another problem, too: As Jacques Musa (Veolia Propreté France Recycling) reported other major concerns surrounding exports to China included “constant” hikes in entrance taxes and inland transport costs, as well as the strength of the Euro in relation to the US dollar.

Markets

As for the French market, there is a decline in available volumes of all forms of secondary plastic at a time of increasing demand, BIR reports. Conditions in the Spanish market were quite healthy despite a period of “excessive” raw material prices, Marc Figueras (Veolia Propreté France Recycling) said. In Germany and the Netherlands, meanwhile, recyclers were proving to be “very competitive”, Peter Daalder noted.

According to guest speaker Corrado Dentis (Dentis SRL, Italy), modern PET recycling technology could overcome any issues relating to quality but the lack of available raw material constituted “a major problem” in Europe.

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