

Industry frets over food safety: The recent Bureau of International Recycling (BIR) conference in Oslo, Norway, was dominated by discussions of threats to European recovered paper supply from European Union and paper producers' food packaging safety proposals (*TW 45, 2002, p.5*).

BIR paper division president Dominique Maguin estimated that the proposal to disqualify 'dirty' recovered paper from use in food packaging could remove 2-5 million tonnes/yr of supplies from the European market. And Federatie Nederlandse Oudepapier Industrie president Maarten Kleiweg de Zwaan argued that the cost of tracing and documenting the source of recovered paper bales is not economically viable. "The paper industry is asking too much," he said.