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## Traders to develop international specifications for plastics scrap

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*A BIR committee will investigate establishing a system.*

1 November 2004 – International merchants are preparing to write a new set of specifications for plastic scrap to ease global trade of the commodity.

At the Bureau of International Recycling (BIR) conference in London on Friday, Peter Daalder of Daly Plastics and chairman of the BIR's plastics committee, said a working group would be created to develop grades and specifications that could be used by the global trading community.

He said representations will be sought from organisations that have already developed national specifications. These included ISRI, the US trade body whose metal scrap specifications are widely used, Germany's BVSE and the UK's PAS103 system, developed by Wrap and the British Plastics Federation (*PRW.com* 8 July).

"I wish we could make one [set of specifications] for the whole world," Daalder said. "It is not good that we talk in a number of descriptions of quality. There has to be a line somewhere."

Meanwhile, China's Administration of Quality Supervision Inspection and Quarantine has announced a two-month extension of its registration deadline for scrap traders. The government organisation introduced the compulsory registration for scrap suppliers as part of measures to stop the dumping of rubbish in China.

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