

BIR is the international trade association of the recycling industries. Around 70 countries are represented through their national trade associations and individual companies which are involved in recycling. BIR comprises four commodity divisions: iron and steel, non ferrous metals, paper and textiles, and has three commodity committees dealing with stainless steel and special alloys, plastics and rubber. BIR's primary goals are to promote recycling and recyclability, thereby conserving natural resources, protecting the environment and facilitating free trade of secondary raw materials.

PRESS RELEASE

BIR inquiries about material thefts from containers

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For some months now BIR has been receiving information on a sharp increase in material thefts from containers shipped overseas.

While not geographically unique, the situation appears to be particularly noteworthy in China and more specifically in the southern part of the country.

To tackle this issue, the BIR Secretariat - on behalf of its Non-Ferrous Division - has decided to email all BIR member companies asking them to complete a short questionnaire in order to confidentially collect numerous information detailing the quantity and value of stolen materials, the ports, the shipping lines, the nature of thefts, etc.

In order to assist its membership, further actions will be taken at the ICC level with the Commercial Crime Services and International Maritime Bureau and by other official authorities should the BIR Secretariat receive sufficient evidence from its member companies.

BIR letter to member companies and related questionnaire can be downloaded here.

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