

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 succeeds in obtaining extension of AQSIQ renewal deadline 6th December 2010

Today, BIR received confirmation that the Chinese General Administration for Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine **AQSIQ will agree "to extend (the) renewal application date by 90 days",** following an official letter BIR had addressed to AQSIQ on Friday, 3rd December.

In its letter, BIR pointed out the importance of giving more time for renewal applications, for which the initial deadline was at the end of 2010.

"We are very concerned that because of the high number of (re) applicants... many well-established companies which have already been officially accepted as 'overseas suppliers' for the last three years or more will not get their 2011-2013 licences renewed," BIR Director General Francis Veys wrote in his letter to AQSIQ.

"We are also concerned", he added, "that many AQSIQ registered companies who are still waiting for their renewed license and who have in the meantime already shipped materials/recyclables to China could meet serious difficulties if they do not have an AQSIQ license at the time the materials arrive in China".

BIR was also told that AQSIQ will soon publish a list with the first 500 approved companies. BIR will of course keep its membership abreast of any further development in this matter.

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