



**BIR**

Bureau of International  
Recycling

BIR is the international trade association of the recycling industries. Around 60 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 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.

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### ***BIR Autumn Round-Table Sessions Brussels, Sheraton Hotel (29) 30-31 October 2006***

## **Discussion on key topics such as E-PSI, ESM, REACH and India**

After the impressive Beijing event, excellent registration figures to date promise an equally successful BIR Autumn Convention in Brussels on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2006.

In response to a high demand from BIR membership, the above-mentioned key topics will be discussed either in the framework of specially organised workshops or within the plenary sessions of the Division and Committee meetings during the upcoming Convention.

As announced in a BIR news on 1 September 2006, the Chinese inspection authority AQSIQ has introduced an electronic system for pre-shipment inspection (**E-PSI**). Although training courses are being offered by CCIC offices, a myriad of questions remains open and BIR will give this matter special exposure.

A proposal on a new EU regulatory framework for Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of CHEMicals (**REACH**) was adopted 29 October 2003. BIR has been

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monitoring this issue and will inform its members on the possible impact on the European recycling industries and those non-EU companies that export recyclables towards the European Union.

In October, BIR will finalise and introduce a set of tools that will facilitate the implementation of an ISO Environmental Management System for BIR member companies. Since 1998, there has been a general and almost worldwide obligation to manage hazardous wastes in an environmentally sound manner (**ESM**). More recently, the OECD recommended that both recovery and disposal operations and both hazardous and non-hazardous wastes should be Environmentally Soundly Managed. This concerns companies in the recovery and recycling sector (scrap collectors, sorters, processors and consumers). BIR will organize a workshop to present the ESM Tools to membership.

And last but not least, BIR has invited a delegation from **India** that will inform Convention participants on the ongoing issue of trade with India, with a special focus on DGFT regulations.

More detailed news on speakers and topics will be published in the course of the coming weeks.

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