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Bureau of International Recycling

BIR is the international trade association of the recycling industries. More than 50 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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AQSIQ

BIR calls for a further postponement of the “registration” deadline.

The world organisation for recycling BIR has expressed strong concerns of the scrap industry in a letter to AQSIQ today.

With the deadline of January 1st, 2005 approaching and the delay in the publication of a further list of “registered” overseas suppliers- which was supposed to be issued on the AQSIQ website together with a new notice on December 20th- the Bureau of International Recycling claimed that many well-established companies whose applications have already been received by AQSIQ would not be authorized to ship to China.

Without a “registration number”, these companies would be denied the authorization to export by the Chinese pre-inspection authorities and by the shipping lines.

In its letter to two major AQSIQ officials who are in charge of the “overseas suppliers” registration procedures, BIR stated that “As a responsible organisation, BIR cannot accept that administrative hindrances and delays prevent well-established companies and regular suppliers to ship valuable commodities to their Chinese Customers.”

The Brussels-based world trade organisation which represents the interest of the major international operators worldwide consequently urged AQSIQ to postpone once again the deadline for registration until March 1, 2005.

“This is the only way to allow those companies whose applications were received and accepted by AQSIQ in due time to continue to do business with Chinese in the coming weeks.” –stated BIR Director General, Francis Veys.

AQSIQ has been asked to treat this registration issue as a matter of urgency to the best interest of the Chinese consuming industry and of the recycling sector worldwide.

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