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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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Latest News from Meeting with AQSIQ directly from Beijing: Deadline extended

Earlier today, delegates from BIR and ISRI met with representatives of the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China (AQSIQ) in Beijing, seeking answers to questions concerning the implementation of notices 115/2003 and 48/2004, which currently require registration of all exporters of scrap to China by July 1st.

At the meeting it was announced that **applications must be postmarked or receipted by a courier on or before July 20th, 2004 to allow registration by September 1st** after which no shipments will be permitted without a registration number. An official announcement of this extension is expected next week.

Applications must be submitted in Chinese or bilingually in Chinese and English.

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During the meeting, BIR and ISRI jointly raised more than 30 questions on issues ranging from who must file the registration application to the potential imposition of registration fees.

Written confirmation of the answers to all of these questions is to be delivered by AQSIQ by the middle of next week.

We will alert all our members immediately upon receipt of this information.

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