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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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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **BIR mission to China: meeting with AQSIQ confirmed**

Given the importance of clarifying the registration procedure as “supply enterprise” applicable for scrap exports to China , the Bureau of International Recycling is going next week for an emergency meeting to Beijing.

On 18<sup>th</sup> June, BIR Director General Francis Veys and the Vice-President of the BIR Non-Ferrous Division Bob Stein (Alter Trading, USA) will meet official representatives of the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People’s Republic of China (AQSIQ). During the meeting, BIR endeavours to receive clear and accurate answers to a list of questions compiled on the basis of reactions from a large number of international operators since the publication of notices 115 and 48.

As mentioned in a press release issued on 4<sup>th</sup> June, BIR had requested that AQSIQ delay the deadline for registration. According to information received yesterday,

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AQSIQ now seems willing to extend the deadline until 1<sup>st</sup> September. However, this has still to be officially confirmed.

During the BIR visit, further talks will be held with representatives from the Chinese non ferrous metals and steel sectors to gain insight in their views on future needs of the Chinese industry and on the possible impact of the new legislation on their supplies.

The results of the official talks with AQSIQ will immediately be made available on the BIR website and communicated to all BIR members (national federations and individual companies).

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