

FIS Pulp Paper Futures Weekly Report

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Market News

China

A Nordic supplier canceled its proposed \$20 per tonne hike for NBSK in China due to customer resistance, and new spot NBSK tonnage from Europe has been offered in the Chinese market as low as \$850 per tonne. As a result, Nordic NBSK prices have dropped to \$850-900 per tonne while Canadian NBSK prices have stayed flat at \$910-930 per tonne. Resale levels for NBSK have fallen to RMB 7,152 per tonne, equivalent to \$897 per tonne after removing VAT and logistics costs. South American BHK prices have reduced to \$730 per tonne, with the benchmark hardwood fetching \$710-730 per tonne. The PIX BHKP China index settled at \$732.02 per tonne on March 3, down 1.2%.

US

US market pulp prices for bleached softwood kraft (BSK) and bleached hardwood kraft (BHK) grades have fallen due to weak graphic paper markets and production curtailments by US consumers, according to industry participants. Benchmark northern bleached softwood kraft (NBSK) final effective list prices have fallen to \$1,675/tonne, while southern bleached softwood kraft (SBSK) has slid to \$1,645. Fluff pulp prices have begun to normalise, causing producers to switch to SBSK, but International Paper (IP) has refused to lower its fluff price despite planned maintenance work, which some market participants said could lead to a fluff “supply shock”. BHK prices have declined \$45/tonne, while bleached eucalyptus kraft (BEK) supplies are abundant.

Futures

Interest remains of covering remainder of the year on both BHKP and NBSK. Some covering OTC interest on Kraftliner 42lb (Pulp and Paper week) for a longer tenor. Please advise if you have anything you would like to explore.

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NOREXECO:	Softwood		Hardwood	Paper
	NBSK	NBSKSH	BHKP	Recycled
Mar-23	1358	817	1270	74
Apr-23	1320	817	1210	77
May-23	1276	817	1150	79
Jun-23	1250	803	1099	79
Jul-23	1211	799	1020	79
Aug-23	1174	797	1005	79
Q223	1282	812	1153	78
Q323	1186	797	1010	79
Q423	1124	787	980	79
Q124	1147	784	945	83
Q224	1198	786	990	85
Q324	1198	786	993	86
CAL24	1185	785	980	85
CAL25	1198	795	993	86

Source: NOREXECO

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