

FIS Pulp Paper Futures Weekly Report

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Market News

China

Pulp imports trading in the Chinese market has stalled as buyers and sellers await the outcome of Shanghai Pulp Week. Prices are expected to be determined at the conference, but falling BSK resale and futures levels, an increase in spot NBSK tonnage from Europe, and intensifying competition among hardwood sellers suggest a downward pressure. The Canadian NBSK levels have been maintained, but Nordic NBSK has dropped by \$40 per tonne. The PIX BHKP China index settled at \$724.46 per tonne on March 17.

Europe

Prices for benchmark pulp grades declined in February due to weak demand and increased stock levels. The paper markets continued to struggle, with some sectors experiencing a worse situation than January. The port strike in Finland had little effect on market dynamics, as it was resolved quickly. Prices for northern bleached softwood kraft (NBSK) pulp dropped by \$20-30/tonne, leaving the pricing for long-fiber benchmark in the range of \$1,370-1,390/tonne in February. Prices for bleached eucalyptus kraft (BEK) pulp fell by \$50/tonne in February. There was pressure on paper pricing, with falling prices unlikely to improve sales.

Futures

We traded the 2H23 BHKP strip at 1025 for 1KT/pm. Possible interest on the follow. Interest remains in covering balance of the year on both grades.

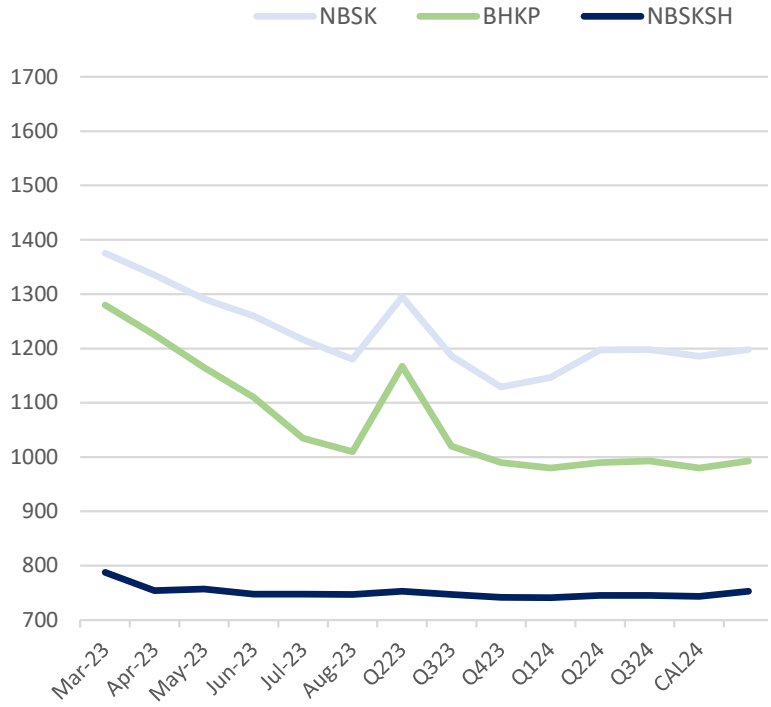
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NOREXECO:	Softwood		Hardwood	Paper
	NBSK	NBSKSH	BHKP	Recycled
Mar-23	1375	787.99	1280	74
Apr-23	1335	754	1225	77
May-23	1291	757	1165	79
Jun-23	1260	748	1110	79
Jul-23	1216	748	1035	79
Aug-23	1180	747	1010	79
Q223	1295	753	1167	78
Q323	1186	747	1020	79
Q423	1129	742	990	79
Q124	1147	741	980	83
Q224	1197	745	990	85
Q324	1198	745	993	86
CAL24	1185	744	980	85
CAL25	1198	753	993	86

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