

FIS Pulp Paper Futures Weekly Report

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Market News

China

Nordic producers aimed for a \$20 per tonne increase in NBSK imports to China, mirroring plans for Canadian NBSK. However, buyers resisted the proposed hike, urging sellers to maintain current prices. Chinese mills, anticipating downtime during the upcoming Lunar New Year, are reluctant to purchase NBSK at elevated prices due to sluggish demand. Consequently, prices for Nordic and Canadian NBSK remained steady at \$700-760 per tonne this week. Buyers were also cautious due to fluctuating BSK futures on the Shanghai exchange, influencing a tepid market. Meanwhile, Arauco maintained prices for radiata pine and BHK, while unbleached softwood kraft pulp prices were pending. South American BHK prices ranged from \$640-660 per tonne, with Arauco suggesting stability in line with December rates. The PIX BHKP China index settled at \$655.44 per tonne, reflecting a marginal increase from the previous week.

OCC

US mill demand for recovered fiber remained strong amid wintry weather that affected recovered fiber transportation and slowed shipments. From Texas to the East Coast, extreme weather conditions led to haulers refusing loads, impacting trades. Domestic containerboard and paper mills' increased demand for old corrugated containers (OCC) and mixed paper in mid-January pressured premiums. Despite additional recovered fiber generation in the last two weeks, winter storms affected some supplies. Prices for OCC and mixed paper remained steady, with potential shortages if winter weather persists. Export orders surged, driven by increased demand in Asia due to disruptions in European shipments caused by the Red Sea crisis. The crisis may temporarily favor US recovered paper exports to Asia, impacting global trade flows.

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NOREXECO:	Softwood		Hardwood	Paper
	NBSK	NBSKCH	BHKP	Recycled
Jan-24	1272	730	1045	100
Feb-24	1290	738	1115	102
Mar-24	1290	740	1120	104
Apr-24	1290	740	1100	104
May-24	1297	741	1090	104
Jun-24	1319	745	1080	105
Q124	1284	736	1093	102
Q224	1302	742	1090	104
Q324	1317	749	1080	106
Q424	1307	759	1080	107
Q125	1299	777	1085	107
Q225	1299	777	1085	107
CAL24	1303	747	1086	105
CAL25	1293	779	1095	107

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