

# Special News Bulletin

## Better than expected demand for Containerboard

TO: WCO MEMBERS

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We took notice from several Paper Industry Publications that the demand for Containerboard has increased worldwide before the summer holidays 2012.

In Europe the demand for Recycled and Virgin Based Containerboard is increasing, while the stock level has been constantly declining since May 2012. Due to the fact that the summer holidays are now taking place, a tight supply situation is expected for all grades.

The “Deutsche Bank (DB) Markets Research” confirms this situation. DB is reporting that big producers have announced price increases in Europe of € 50/ mton for Kraftliner and € 100/ mton for Recycled Containerboard as per September 01, 2012.

According to RISI and other sources, the top seven Containerboard producers in the USA have recently announced price increases of \$50-60 per short ton on all Liner, Medium and White-Top grades effective in August 2012.

Mill operating rates were reported to be at 96.3% in June according to AF&PA. Containerboard inventories at mills and corrugating plants declined by 46,500 short tons in June; more than four times the 10-year average for the month of June. Also this was the third consecutive month of greater than average Containerboard inventory reductions as reported by Chip Dillon / Vertical Research Partners (VRP).

We wish all members a nice summer holiday.

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