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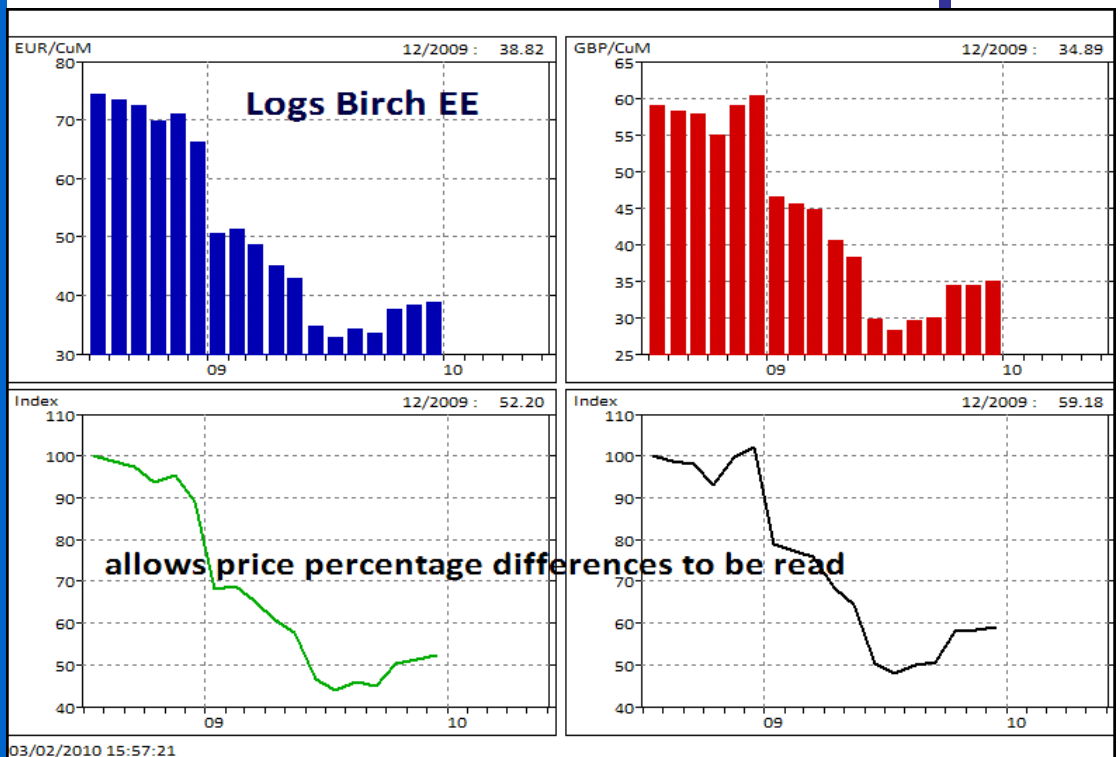
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New BFM Commodity spot pricing Service

The BFM is pleased to announce the launch of a new service for member companies that will help with purchasing decisions and negotiations with suppliers. The BFM has subscribed to a price data service and we are the first manufacturing trade association in the UK to have done so. It is used to by all the major supermarkets and others such as John Lewis and Argos. Price trends are graphically displayed for each commodity and also shown in Sterling and (mainly) the Euros to show how fluctuations in currency can also impact on price.



For each of the commodities covered (see below), price

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trends are shown up to the present time. In most cases the benchmark date begins in July 2008, although in some cases where prices have remained fairly flat for a period of time, we have taken the start date back a few more years to give you a better idea of trends.

The commodities shown have been chosen in a pilot exercise by certain of our members as representing significant purchases to them.

We have access to much more data than that shown below and therefore if the item you want is not represented please let us know and we will see if it is available.

The price data will be updated on a monthly basis, but please feel free to contact [Mike Dimond](#) at any time to see if more up to date information is available on a particular commodity.

The following price data is available at the confidential [members area](#) of the BFM web site:

Description of commodity

Abrasives

Abrasives alumina fused cif Eur - cif main port European 94% Aluminium Oxide

Board

OSB panels 10mm IT - ex warehouse Italy

Chipboard panels std 4mm IT - ex warehouse Italy

Chipboard panels std 18mm IT - ex warehouse Italy

Chipboard unlined del DE lo - Packaging paper carton board unlined chipboard lower range free delivered Germany

Chipboard unlined del DE hi - Packaging paper carton board unlined chipboard higher range free delivered Germany

Corrugated wellenstoff del DE hi - Packaging paper waste based corrugated case material wellenstoff higher range free delivered Germany

Corrugated wellenstoff del DE lo - Packaging paper waste based corrugated case material wellenstoff lower range free delivered Germany

Fibreboard MDF panels 4mm IT - medium density - ex warehouse Italy

Fibreboard MDF 12-18 exp ID lo - medium density - export lower price fob Indonesia

Fibreboard MDF 12-18 exp ID hi - medium density 12-18mm - export upper price fob Indonesia

Fibreboard MDF 15-19 exp MY hi - medium density - export upper price fob Malaysia

Fibreboard MDF 15-19 exp MY lo - medium density - export lower price fob Malaysia

Fibreboard MDF panels 19mm IT - medium density - ex warehouse Italy

Fibreboard MDF panels 19mm lgt IT - medium density - ultralight ex warehouse Italy

Fibres

Cotton yarn weaving 40S CN - Cotton yarn 100% weaving carded grade 40S market price Changyi (Shandong), China

Cotton yarn weaving OE10S CN - Cotton yarn 100% weaving carded grade open end (OE) 10S market price Changyi (Shandong), China

Polyester DTY 75D/36F CN - Polyester filament draw textured yarns 75D/36F

Qianqing market price (Zhejiang) China

Polyester DTY 150D/48F CN = Polyester filament draw textured yarns 150D/48F

Qianqing market price (Zhejiang) China

Polyester DTY 300D/96F CN - Polyester filament draw textured yarns 300D/96F
Qianqing market price (Zhejiang) China
Viscose VSF 1.5D*38mm CN - Viscose Staple fiber 1.5D*38mm Chinese market
average price origin: China

Foam – chemicals ingredients

Polyols flexible Eur - European indicator prices
Polyols rigid Eur - European indicator prices
TDI isocyanate W Eur - Toluene 2 4 diisocyanate (TDI) West European indicator
prices

Logs

Logs Birch EE - market price ex-forest Estonia
Logs Spruce EE - market price ex-forest Estonia
Logs Pine EE - market price ex-forest Estonia

Nickel

Nickel cash LME - Nickel cash seller & settlement LME official prices
Nickel forward 15m LME - 15-months seller LME official prices
Nickel forward 3m LME - 3-months seller LME official prices
Nickel forward 27m LME - 27-month seller LME official prices

Steel

S'less steel HR sheet 304 E Asia - sheet hot rolled (HR) grade:304 cif East Asian port
S'less steel CR sheet 304 N Eur - cold rolled (CR) sheet 2 mm, grade:304 EU export
price fob Northern European port
S'less steel CR 304 2mm base EU - strip cold rolled (CR) 2mm Grade:304 base price
EU
S'less steel CR 304 2mm sur EU - strip cold rolled (CR) 2mm Grade:304 alloy
surcharge EU
S'less steel CR coil 304 E Asia - coil cold rolled (CR) 2 mm grade:304 2B cif East Asian
port
Steel wire rod exw E CN - mesh

Timber/wood

Plywood Poplar multilay 10mm IT - ex warehouse Italy
Plywood Birch multilay 12mm IT - ex warehouse Italy
Plywood Poplar multilay 18mm IT - ex warehouse Italy
Plywood Poplar multilay 20mm IT - ex warehouse Italy
Ash plank assort IT - ex warehouse Italy
Ash plank planed 27mm IT – ex warehouse Italy
Ash plank planed 52mm IT - oven dried base 52mm ex warehouse Italy
Beech panels finger-jnt 32mm IT - ex warehouse Italy
Beech plank seasoned assort IT - ex warehouse Italy
Oak choice IT - ex warehouse Italy
Oak seal sheet components IT - ex warehouse Italy
Oak plank assort IT - ex warehouse Italy
Oak plank US red/wht 27mm IT - American planed, oven dried base - ex warehouse
Italy
Oak plank US red/wht 52mm IT - American planed, oven dried base - ex warehouse
Italy
Walnut choice IT - ex warehouse Italy
Walnut plank polished 52mm IT - oven dried base - ex warehouse Italy

Waste

Wood waste PRN UK - packaging recovery note (PRN)
Paper waste old cardboard (kraftliner shavings) delivered to a local waste merchant