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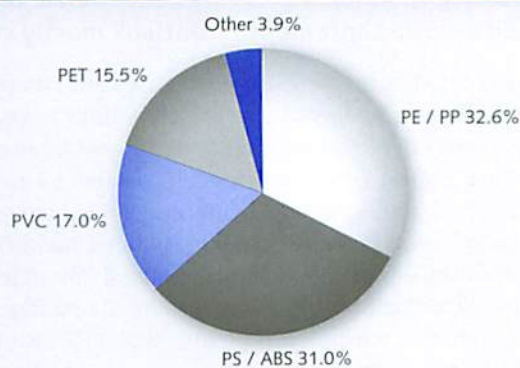
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**RECYCLING****China still the mecca for post-consumer plastics waste / Nearly half of material processed is imported**

China is not only a mecca for post-consumer waste, but also the driving force behind worldwide plastics recycling. The country reprocessed around 14.5m t of plastics in 2007, and recycle accounted for 36% of polymer processed there. Speaking at a recent conference in Bonn / Germany, *Sascha*

**China: Imports of post-consumer plastics waste 2007 by type (total: 6.45 m t)**

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*Schuh*, managing director of the **Ascon consultancy** (Bonn; [www.ascon-net.de](http://www.ascon-net.de)), quoted Chinese figures showing that the People's Republic last year was responsible for some 70% of worldwide plastics recycling, with the sector employing as many as 10m people.

Around 6.5m t, nearly half the material recycled in China, was imported, and the consultant noted that authorities have been cracking down on exporters of plastics wastes as the country tries to come to grips with environmental regulations in the run-up to the Olympic games. In some cases, Beijing has drastically reformulated its import rules on short notice.

While authorities hope to limit imports to material that can actually be turned into usable products, stemming the flow of waste appears to be an uphill battle. According to estimates, the volume of foreign plastic waste unloaded on Chinese shores could rise by an additional 5% in 2008 to 6.9m t.

**POLYVOC****New electronic dictionary version ready for download**

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