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Italy’s RDM Group announces €80 per tonne WLC price increase from October

By Daniela Wortmann - Friday 11 September

RDM Group, one of Europe's leading white-lined chipboard (WLC) manufacturers, has announced a price increase of €80 (\$93) per tonne across its entire portfolio, effective from October.

The company said on Friday September 11 that it would lift prices by €80 (\$93) per tonne across its entire WLC portfolio from October. It attributed the planned increase to the continued inflationary environment and sustained increase in manufacturing costs across numerous cost categories throughout the paper and board industry. Despite ongoing efforts to mitigate these pressures through operational efficiency and cost management measures, the current level of cost inflation could no longer be fully absorbed without affecting market pricing, it said.

"Over an extended period, the industry has faced increasing cost pressures across a number of manufacturing inputs," said RDM Group's Chief Commercial Officer Pierre-Yves Corbière. "While RDM Group has worked diligently to offset these impacts wherever possible, the magnitude and duration of the increases make a price adjustment necessary to ensure the sustainable supply of high-quality cartonboard solutions to our customers," he added.

Austria’s MM Board & Paper announces €75 per tonne cartonboard price increase from October

By Daniela Wortmann - Friday 11 September

MM Board & Paper, one of the leading cartonboard producers in Europe, announced a price increase of €75 (\$87) per tonne across its cartonboard portfolio from October.

According to the company, the decision came in response to sustained cost inflation and continued margin pressure. "In particular, energy, logistics and chemical costs remain well above historical levels and have continued to show significant volatility since the escalation of hostilities in Iran in March 2026," it said in a statement.

It added that cumulative cost inflation continued to outpace achieved price recovery and that the resulting gap had reached an unsustainable level. "Despite ongoing efficiency measures and cost-mitigation efforts, MM Board & Paper can no longer absorb the continued increase in operating costs internally," the company said.

The adjustment will apply across MM Board & Paper's cartonboard portfolio of white-lined chipboard, liner and folding boxboard grades.

"MM Board & Paper considers this price increase a necessary step to strengthen the economic foundation of its business and support the future competitiveness of European cartonboard production," the company said.

P&B production in Germany falls 1.0% y-o-y to 11.1 mln tonnes in Jan-Jul 2026: Die Papierindustrie

By Sharon Levrez - Wednesday 09 September

Paper and board (P&B) production in Germany declined by 1.0% year on year in the first seven months of 2026, according to figures released by industry association Die Papierindustrie.

Total P&B production amounted to 11.05 million tonnes in January-July 2026, compared with 11.16 million tonnes in the same period of 2025. The decline was slightly less pronounced than in the January-June period, when production had fallen by 1.4% year on year.

Total deliveries by German paper mills were broadly stable at 11.18 million tonnes. Domestic deliveries fell by 2.3% to 5.33 million tonnes from 5.46 million tonnes, while exports increased by 2.2% to 5.85 million tonnes from 5.72 million tonnes.

Graphic paper remained the weakest segment. Production declined by 6.3% year on year to 1.94 million tonnes, while deliveries dropped by 5.8% to 1.95 million tonnes. Domestic deliveries fell by 8.1% to 951,000 tonnes and exports decreased by 3.4% to 1.00 million tonnes.

Packaging paper and board continued to outperform the wider market. Production increased by 0.5% year on year to 7.51 million tonnes, while deliveries rose by 1.7% to 7.59 million tonnes. Domestic deliveries were still down by 1.0% at 3.17 million tonnes, but exports rose by 3.8% to 4.42 million tonnes.

Production of sanitary and household papers fell by 2.1% year on year to 768,000 tonnes. Deliveries fell by 0.6% to 806,000 tonnes, with domestic deliveries down by 0.8% to 780,000 tonnes. Exports rose by 5.3%, Die Papierindustrie data showed, to around 26,000 tonnes.

Specialty paper and board production declined by 0.4% year on year to 836,000 tonnes. Deliveries fell by 0.5% to 829,000 tonnes. Domestic deliveries fell by 1.3% to 425,000 tonnes, while exports edged up by 0.4% to 404,000 tonnes.

German pulp, paper and board production and deliveries Jan-Jul 2026			
	(1,000 tonnes)		
	Jan-Jul 2026	Jan-Jul 2025	% change
Total paper and board			
Production	11,050	11,164	-1.0
Deliveries	11,180	11,178	0.0
Domestic	5,329	5,455	-2.3
Exports	5,851	5,723	2.2

German pulp, paper and board production and deliveries Jan-Jul 2026			
(1,000 tonnes)			
	Jan-Jul 2026	Jan-Jul 2025	% change
Graphic paper			
Production	1,939	2,068	-6.3
Deliveries	1,951	2,071	-5.8
Domestic	951	1,034	-8.1
Exports	1,001	1,036	-3.4
Packaging paper and board			
Production	7,507	7,471	0.5
Deliveries	7,594	7,464	1.7
Domestic	3,173	3,204	-1.0
Exports	4,421	4,260	3.8
Sanitary and household paper (parent reels)			

German pulp, paper and board production and deliveries Jan-Jul 2026			
(1,000 tonnes)			
	Jan-Jul 2026	Jan-Jul 2025	% change
Production			
Deliveries	768	785	-2.1
Domestic	806	811	-0.6
Exports	780	786	-0.8
Specialty paper and board			
Production	26	24	5.3
Deliveries	836	840	-0.4
Domestic	829	833	-0.5
Exports	425	431	-1.3
Source: Die Papierindustrie			

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FOLBB subsidiary Baiersbronn Frischfaser Karton stops production at FBB mill in Germany; main insolvency procedure underway

By Daniela Wortmann - Thursday 10 September

Following the initiation of preliminary insolvency proceedings in June and the withdrawal of a potential takeover candidate in late August, the German FOLBB subsidiary Baiersbronn Frischfaser Karton has stopped operating.

According to information received by Fastmarkets, operations at the 95,000 tonne per year folding boxboard (FBB) site in southwestern Germany stopped on Monday September 7. One day later, the District Court of Rottweil opened the main insolvency proceedings over the company and appointed Jan Markus Plathner of the law firm Beiten Burkhardt as insolvency administrator.

Baiersbronn Frischfaser Karton and its sister company Folding Boxboard Eerbeek in the Netherlands, which also filed for the initiation of insolvency proceedings in late June, used to be part of Austria's Mayr-Melnhof Group until they were sold to a group of funds managed by Oaktree Capital Management in August 2021 and jointly became FOLBB.

The Eerbeek mill in the province of Gelderland, eastern Netherlands, which was able to produce around 150,000 tonnes per year of FBB, was supposed to be taken over by entrepreneurs Richard Getkate and Siegfried Hohmann, but the deal was not completed within an agreed timeframe and plans to restart operations were canceled.

RDM Group’s fibre-based, recycled packaging solutions

By Press release - Tuesday 08 September

Earlier this year RDM Group and Dow collaborated on the Multiboard CirculaRR fibre-based food packaging solution combining RDM’s Vincicoat PLUS recycled cartonboard with advanced recycled polymers, designed to provide both functionality and sustainability for brands. RDM details these solutions in this Spotlight.

Multiboard CirculaRR is made entirely from recycled inputs: recycled fibres form the cartonboard core, while a thin coating of recycled polyethylene ensures the barrier performance required for food-contact applications. The solution is suitable for a wide range of uses including frozen food packaging, fruit trays and dry pet food, where resistance and product protection are critical.

Built on RDM Group’s established Multiboard Barrier platform, the new product features a low polymer content - around 5% by weight - making it compatible with existing mixed paper recycling streams. This design approach reflects a fundamental principle behind CirculaRR: not only using recycled materials but ensuring the packaging can be effectively recycled at end of life.

The circular profile of the solution is further validated by internationally recognised certifications. The plastic component is certified under the ISCC PLUS scheme, confirming the use of recycled feedstock from advanced recycling processes, while food-contact compliance has been independently verified. In addition, recyclability has been assessed according to the 4evergreen protocol, supporting its integration into established paper recovery systems.

Multiboard CirculaRR has been developed to help brands anticipate regulatory developments, particularly the EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR), which will require all packaging to be recyclable by 2030 and introduce targets for recycled content. By combining performance, compliance, and circularity, the solution enables converters and brand owners to respond proactively to these requirements without compromising on product protection or operational efficiency.

The innovation also highlights the importance of collaboration across the value chain. By integrating expertise in fibre-based materials with advanced polymer capabilities, RDM Group has created a solution that bridges traditional material boundaries and contributes to a more holistic approach to packaging circularity. At the same time, the role of partner technologies remains complementary and carefully integrated within the overall RDM-driven design.

A broader innovation portfolio: Vincicoat PLUS, the strong recycled cartonboard

Multiboard CirculaRR is part of RDM Group’s wider innovation strategy focused on circularity and resource efficiency. The previous product, launched earlier this year, is a packaging cartonboard that reduces packaging weight while maximizing recycled fibre content: Vincicoat PLUS, a next-generation coated recycled cartonboard designed to deliver up to 15–20% higher strength than standard grades.

Thanks to its enhanced structural performance, Vincicoat PLUS enables packaging weight reductions of up to 20% or improved pack strength and product protection at the same grammage. The Vincicoat PLUS range also includes a hard-sized option engineered for low water absorbency, specifically designed to excel in demanding conditions such as frozen applications like pizza, ice-creams, and frozen food in general.

This approach supports both environmental and economic benefits by reducing material use, resource demand and logistics impacts. Vincicoat PLUS is designed to support evolving regulatory requirements including the EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR) by enabling packaging weight reduction, maximizing recycled fibre content and supporting circularity principles.

Final decision on open consultation on methodology review for European packaging paper and board: pricing notice

By Fastmarkets Pricing Team - Monday 07 September

Fastmarkets invited feedback from the industry on the pricing methodology for European packaging paper and board as part of its announced annual methodology review process between August 3 and September 1, 2026.

This consultation was done as part of our published annual methodology review process.

No feedback was received during the consultation period and therefore no changes will be made to the methodologies at this stage.

This consultation sought to ensure that our methodologies continue to reflect the physical market under indexation, in compliance with the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) principles for Price Reporting Agencies (PRAs). This includes all elements of our pricing process, our price specifications and publication frequency.

You can find the current methodology for European packaging paper and board [via this link](#).

To see all Fastmarkets’ pricing methodology and specification documents, go to the [Fastmarkets methodology page](#).

Boxboard/Cartonboard Europe Key Attributes

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0098	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Aug 2026	980 - 1220	0 (0.00%)	Aug 2026	980 - 1220
FP-CBB-0100	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g free delivered Germany €/tonne	01 Aug 2026	980 - 1210	0 (0.00%)	Aug 2026	980 - 1210
FP-CBB-0099	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Aug 2026	700 - 740	0 (0.00%)	Aug 2026	700 - 740
FP-CBB-0101	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Germany, €/tonne	01 Aug 2026	680 - 735	0 (0.00%)	Aug 2026	680 - 735

Boxboard/Cartonboard Germany Markets

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Boxboard/Cartonboard Spain Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0104	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered Spain, €/tonne	01 Aug 2026	970 - 1220	0 (0.00%)	Aug 2026	970 - 1220
FP-CBB-0105	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Spain, €/tonne	01 Aug 2026	695 - 720	0 (0.00%)	Aug 2026	695 - 720

Boxboard/Cartonboard France Markets

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FP-CBB-0098	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Aug 2026	980 - 1220	0 (0.00%)	Aug 2026	980 - 1220
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Boxboard/Cartonboard Italy Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0102	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered Italy, €/tonne	01 Aug 2026	980 - 1220	0 (0.00%)	Aug 2026	980 - 1220
FP-CBB-0103	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Italy, €/tonne	01 Aug 2026	680 - 730	0 (0.00%)	Aug 2026	680 - 730

Boxboard/Cartonboard UK Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0094	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered United Kingdom, £/tonne	01 Sep 2026	990 - 1175	0 (0.00%)	Sep 2026	990 - 1175
FP-CBB-0095	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered United Kingdom, €/tonne	01 Sep 2026	1154 - 1370	-5 (-0.39%)	Sep 2026	1154 - 1370
FP-CBB-0096	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered United Kingdom, £/tonne	01 Sep 2026	715 - 765	0 (0.00%)	Sep 2026	715 - 765
FP-CBB-0097	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered United Kingdom, €/tonne	01 Sep 2026	834 - 892	-3 (-0.35%)	Sep 2026	834 - 892