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Last day of strikes, lockouts at Swedish ports; no new strikes announced

By Eva Nyman - Friday 27 June

The Swedish Dockworkers Union, which represents workers in Swedish ports, was conducting its last day of strikes on Friday June 27. This was also the last day of lockouts arranged by employer organization Ports of Sweden.

This action concerned the Port of Karlshamn in southern Sweden. The union's strike there was scheduled for 7am to 4pm on Friday, while the Ports of Sweden-organized lockout, which started on June 25, was scheduled to end at midnight on Friday.

The only outstanding industrial action was a union-backed blockade against the handling of goods that have been loaded by managers at the company Ports of Halland at the Port of Halmstad during the dockworkers' strike. This blockade was scheduled to run from 9am on June 25 to 4pm on July 9.

As of June 27, neither the union nor the employer organization have announced any new plans for industrial actions or lockouts.

The conflict, which has been going on since May, concerned a new collective agreement under negotiation between the Swedish Dockworkers Union and Ports of Sweden.

There was [already a collective agreement](#) between Ports of Sweden and the Swedish Transport Workers' Union, which also represents Swedish port workers.

The Swedish Dockworkers Union has been [offered the same agreement](#), but this union was seeking enhanced protection for union workers and employee representatives, as well as improvements for temporary agency staff.

The Swedish Dockworkers Union has organized strikes targeting specific companies for limited periods of time [between June 19 and June 27](#) as well as between May 21 and June 9. The employee organization has answered with lockouts.

Mediation through the Swedish National Mediation Office was scheduled to continue on July 8, according to the Swedish Dockworkers Union.

Spanish P&B production slides by 1.6% to 2.2 million tonnes in January-April

By Andrea Venturini - Thursday 26 June

Spanish paper and board (P&B) production decreased by 1.6% year on year to 2.2 million tonnes between January and April, according to the latest statistic from the industry association Aspapel.

Graphic paper production sank by 11.6% to 234,600 tonnes, while tissue paper production dropped by 2.1% to 302,600 tonnes.

On the packaging side, production of containerboard improved by 0.4% to 1.2 million tonnes, while that of cartonboard and other packaging P&B improved by 0.9% to 283,700 tonnes.

Production of other paper and specialty paper fell by 3.1% to 141,800 tonnes during the first four months of the year, while production of market pulp sank by 5.8% to 340,000 tonnes.

Spanish pulp and paper production, imports, exports and apparent consumption Jan-Apr 2025 (1,000 tonnes)		
	Production	
	Jan-Apr 2025	% change
Graphic paper	234.6	▼ 11.6
Tissue	302.6	▼ 2.1
Containerboard	1,207.4	▲ 0.4
Cartonboard and other packaging P&B	283.7	▲ 0.9
Other and specialty paper	141.8	▼ 3.1
Total P&B	2,170.1	▼ 1.6
Market pulp	340.0	▼ 5.8
Source: Aspapel		

Macfarlane Packaging announces awards for suppliers across business

- Thursday 26 June

Macfarlane Packaging, the leading supplier of protective packaging in the UK, and growing in Europe, has revealed the winner of its Supplier of the Year for 2024 is Board 24, the UK's largest independent sheet feeder.

In a change for its 2024 awards, Macfarlane Packaging has also introduced three new award categories in addition to the Supplier of the Year, which are all voted on by employees across the Macfarlane business. The four categories are: Supplier of the Year; Regional Supplier of the Year – two awards for North and South regions; International Supplier of the Year; and Outstanding Individual.

Macfarlane Packaging has over 1,700 suppliers working with the business in the UK and internationally and these annual awards recognise and acknowledge exceptional performance. The winners for all categories are:

- Supplier of the Year – Board 24 – the UK's largest independent sheet feeder
- Regional Supplier of the Year (two awards)
- North – Kenross – a family run manufacturer of corrugated cardboard cartons based in Lancashire
- South – Manor Packaging – a bespoke corrugated cardboard boxes and packaging business based in Peterborough
- International Supplier of the Year – Kara Fiber – a Turkish company that specialises in producing Lyocell fibres and other packaging materials, with a focus on sustainability and environmental responsibility
- Outstanding Individual: Paul Welsh from Boxes and Packaging. Boxes and Packaging provides corrugated and cardboard packaging solutions from its Swindon base. Paul is the company's Sales Manager.

Commenting on the awards, David Mansfield, Managing Director of Macfarlane Packaging, said:

"We congratulate all the winners of our supplier awards. We work with an extensive supplier base across our business and we want to recognise our strategic partners who provide high levels of service, innovation and support.

"We have expanded the awards this year from one to four categories including an outstanding individual award. The winners are chosen by teams from across the Macfarlane business. The winners have been recognised for their collaboration and quality of customer service, knowledge and responsiveness."

Tetra Pak announces Fiat launches Fiat Grande Panda car model using recycled material from used beverage cartons

- Tuesday 24 June

Each Fiat Grande Panda uses recycled material equivalent to 140 beverage cartons, demonstrating recycled polyAl can be used in the automotive industry at scale

Beverage cartons have found a new life as part of a groundbreaking development for the automotive industry. With the launch of the latest model of Fiat Grande Panda, Fiat has become the first car manufacturer to incorporate recycled materials from used beverage cartons in a vehicle.

Each Fiat Grande Panda contains recycled material from the thin layers of polyethylene and aluminium used in 140 beverage cartons. This recycled material is used inside the plastics of the car's interior. Specifically, it is used in the central console, dashboard, interior front and rear door panels.

PolyAl is a combination of polymers and aluminium components recovered during the recycling of beverage cartons. Beverage cartons are made of, on average, 70% paperboard, 25% polymers and 5% aluminium. This combination of materials is the key to aseptic packaging, where ultra-thin layers of aluminium and polymers protect the food or beverage inside, extending the product's shelf life without the need for preservatives or refrigeration.

While the paperboard from beverage cartons can be transformed into valuable paper-based consumer products such as tablecloths, napkins, and toilet paper, Tetra Pak has been exploring and expanding commercial applications for the remaining polyAl in collaboration with compound producers and recyclers.

The Fiat Grande Panda components are made using a polyAl-based compound called Lapolen Ecotek, produced by Lapo Compound. The company worked with Fiat to ensure this material was competitive in quality and price. The placement of the material in such visible parts of the interior, rather than in hidden areas, clearly demonstrates the material's aesthetic potential. Fiat chose the material for its shimmering effect, created by the aluminium content of the recycled material, and because Lapo Compound was able to precisely match the specific shade of blue required.

The move to incorporate material from recycled beverage cartons aligns with Fiat's mission to produce more sustainable and affordable cars with its "less is more" approach, removing redundant parts and reducing polluting materials such as chrome and leather.¹

Fiat's use of the polyAl material in the Fiat Grande Panda showcases that this recycled material can now be utilised on a large scale by the automotive industry. The car is already on the market in most European countries, and will be available outside Europe by the end of the year.

This collaboration with Lapo Compound puts Fiat well ahead of the EU Commission's End-of-Life Vehicles Proposal, which sets a target of 25% of plastic used in vehicles coming from recycled materials.² Lapo Compound's solution helps the industry achieve this goal by providing recycled materials which meet its strict quality standards while maintaining consistency.

In addition to its automotive applications, Lapo Compound is also conducting trials for other uses of the polyAl-based compound Lapolen Ecotek, including outdoor furniture and factory floors.

Giuseppe Crisci, General Manager at Lapo Compound, comments: "We believe in creating products that not only meet strict quality standards but also help contribute to a circular economy by keeping valuable materials in use. Our product innovation has successfully met this technical challenge for Fiat, which is testament to our dedication to sustainable innovation that supports a journey toward a more circular, responsible future."

Kinga Sieradzon, Vice President Sustainability Operations at Tetra Pak, comments: "The use of recycled materials from beverage cartons in the Fiat Grande Panda is a fantastic demonstration of their vast potential across multiple industries. It's a powerful example of how sustainable solutions can drive innovation and reshape traditional manufacturing.

"This is a great result of collaboration. By working together with companies like Fiat and Lapo Compound, as well as engaging with governments and consumers, we can drive the systemic change required to expand the end market for recycled materials. This collective effort is crucial for building a more circular economy and ensuring a sustainable future for our planet."

ABOUT TETRA PAK

Tetra Pak is a world leading food processing and packaging solutions company. Working with our customers and suppliers, we provide access to safe, nutritious food for hundreds of millions of people in more than 160 countries every day. With over 24,000 employees worldwide, we commit to making food safe and available, everywhere, and we promise to protect what's good: food, people and the planet.

¹<https://www.fiat.com/news/fiat-new-global-game>

²End-of-Life Vehicles - European Commission

Boxboard/Cartonboard Europe Key Attributes

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0098	Coated duplex (GC2), 270-280 g, France	01 Jun 2025	1020 - 1310	0 (0.00%)	Jun 2025	1020 - 1310
FP-CBB-0100	Coated duplex (GC2), 270-280 g, Germany	01 Jun 2025	1020 - 1300	0 (0.00%)	Jun 2025	1020 - 1300
FP-CBB-0099	White-lined chipboard (GD2), 300 g, France	01 Jun 2025	710 - 795	0 (0.00%)	Jun 2025	710 - 795
FP-CBB-0101	White-lined chipboard (GD2), 300 g, Germany	01 Jun 2025	700 - 790	0 (0.00%)	Jun 2025	700 - 790

Boxboard/Cartonboard Germany Markets

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Boxboard/Cartonboard Spain Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0104	Coated duplex (GC2), 270-280 g, Spain	01 Jun 2025	1010 - 1300	0 (0.00%)	Jun 2025	1010 - 1300
FP-CBB-0105	White-lined chipboard (GD2), 300 g, Spain	01 Jun 2025	710 - 770	0 (0.00%)	Jun 2025	710 - 770

Boxboard/Cartonboard France Markets

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FP-CBB-0098	Coated duplex (GC2), 270-280 g, France	01 Jun 2025	1020 - 1310	0 (0.00%)	Jun 2025	1020 - 1310
FP-CBB-0099	White-lined chipboard (GD2), 300 g, France	01 Jun 2025	710 - 795	0 (0.00%)	Jun 2025	710 - 795

Boxboard/Cartonboard Italy Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0102	Coated duplex (GC2), 270-280 g, Italy	01 Jun 2025	1020 - 1290	0 (0.00%)	Jun 2025	1020 - 1290
FP-CBB-0103	White-lined chipboard (GD2), 300 g, Italy	01 Jun 2025	690 - 765	0 (0.00%)	Jun 2025	690 - 765

Boxboard/Cartonboard UK Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0094	Coated duplex (GC2), 270-280 g, UK	01 Jun 2025	1005 - 1210	0 (0.00%)	Jun 2025	1005 - 1210
FP-CBB-0095	Coated duplex (GC2), 270-280 g, UK, EUR	01 Jun 2025	1193 - 1437	12.5 (0.96%)	Jun 2025	1193 - 1437
FP-CBB-0096	White-lined chipboard (GD2), 300 g, UK	01 Jun 2025	705 - 785	0 (0.00%)	Jun 2025	705 - 785
FP-CBB-0097	White-lined chipboard (GD2), 300 g, UK, EUR	01 Jun 2025	837 - 932	8.5 (0.97%)	Jun 2025	837 - 932