



Environment Matters – 20th July 2007

Welcome to Aardvark's fortnightly environmental news briefing,

- **New rules for the export of recyclable waste** New rules affecting the export of waste for recycling such as paper, cardboard and certain types of plastic and metal come into force on July 12. The new rules set out by the European Commission mainly affect businesses, which export what is known as "green list" waste. ([Environment Agency 11/07/07](#))
- **Offsetting to get 'code'** A new 'Code of Practice' for the carbon offsetting industry is to be created, after the idea won support from companies and green NGOs. The voluntary guidelines will enable offsetting providers to gain accreditation, which will give customers the opportunity to choose between companies in confidence. ([Green Consumer Guide 16/07/07](#))
- **Ryanair's green claims criticised** Ryanair has been ordered not to repeat an advertisement that played down the impact of aviation on the environment. In a press campaign the airline claimed the airline industry "accounts for just 2% of carbon dioxide emissions". ([BBC News 18/07/07](#))
- **Woolas calls on city to join government to deliver low carbon energy for Africa** Environment Minister Phil Woolas today issued a challenge to the City of London to work with the Government towards more equitable investment in clean development technologies in the developing world – with a major focus on Africa. ([Defra 17/07/07](#))
- **New Tool Aims for 'Waste Neutrality' in Construction Projects** The Waste & Resources Action Programme has launched the Net Waste Method, a performance measurement tool to help contractors reduce waste and increase recycled content of buildings in the U.K. ([Greener Buildings 06/07/07](#))
- **Desalination plant approved for London** Britain's first desalination plant aimed at providing drinking water for millions of people has been given Government approval, prompting an outcry from environmental campaigners. ([Telegraph 18/07/07](#))

Latest News from the Aardvark Team

- Aardvark has been instructed by a leading urban developer on the final phases of their 2-year programme to desilt an urban lake at the former Imperial Tobacco Factory site in Bristol. Aardvark's role has been to assess the quality and quantity of silt, design the treatment works and now monitor the operation being carried out by Kingcombe Aquacare.
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And finally,

- **Take Off Your Tie to Help the Planet, Italy Says** Want to help fight global warming? Take off your tie, says the Italian health ministry. It has urged employers to let their staff dress casually at work in the summer so the air conditioning can be turned down. ([ENN 18/07/07](#))