# **Beating Back Contamination**

## Recycling Market Disruptions

- 2017 China announces National Sword
- Unprocessed plastics are BANNED Effective January 2018
- Mixed paper is BANNED Effective January 2018
- Other recovered paper and plastic must not exceed 0.5% contamination

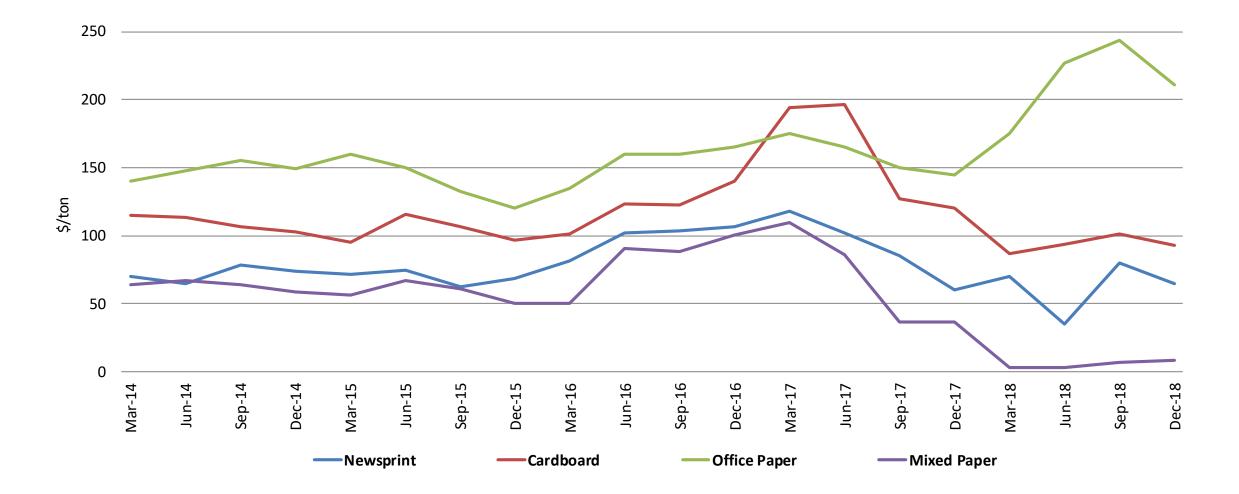
Effective March 2018

• Other southeast Asian countries following suit

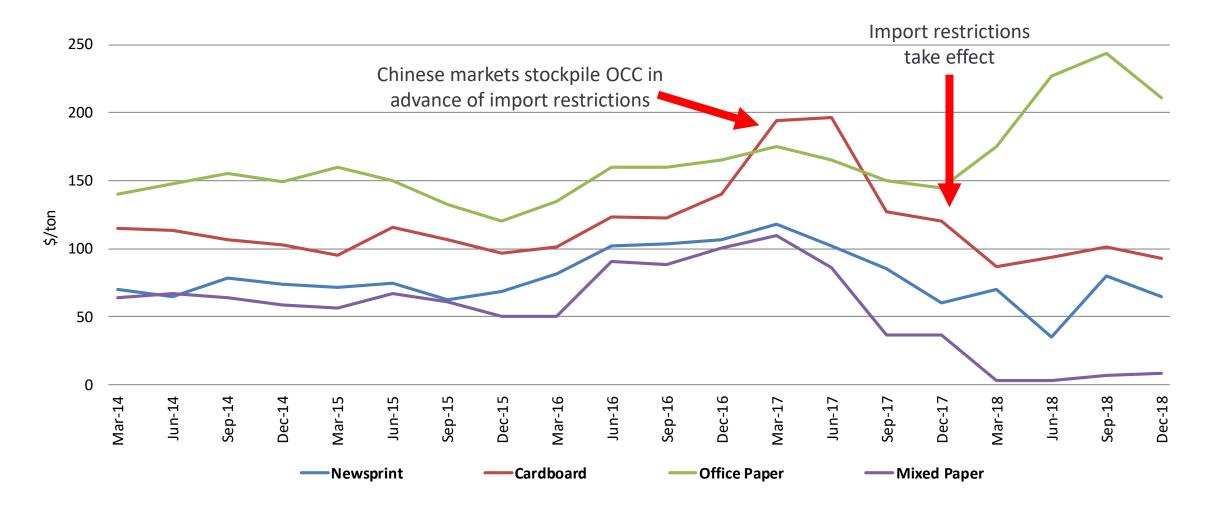




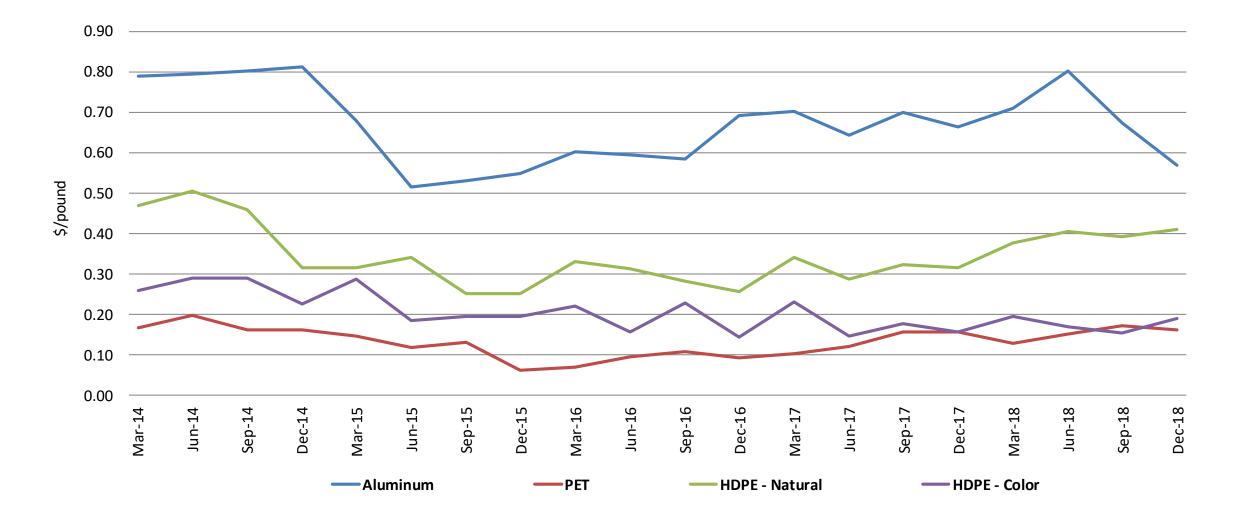
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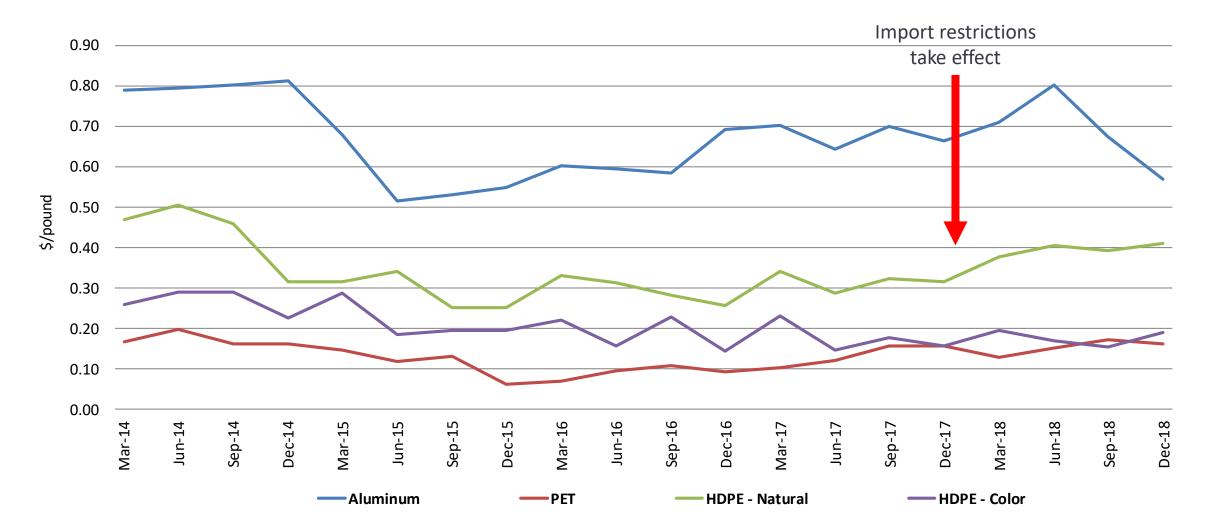
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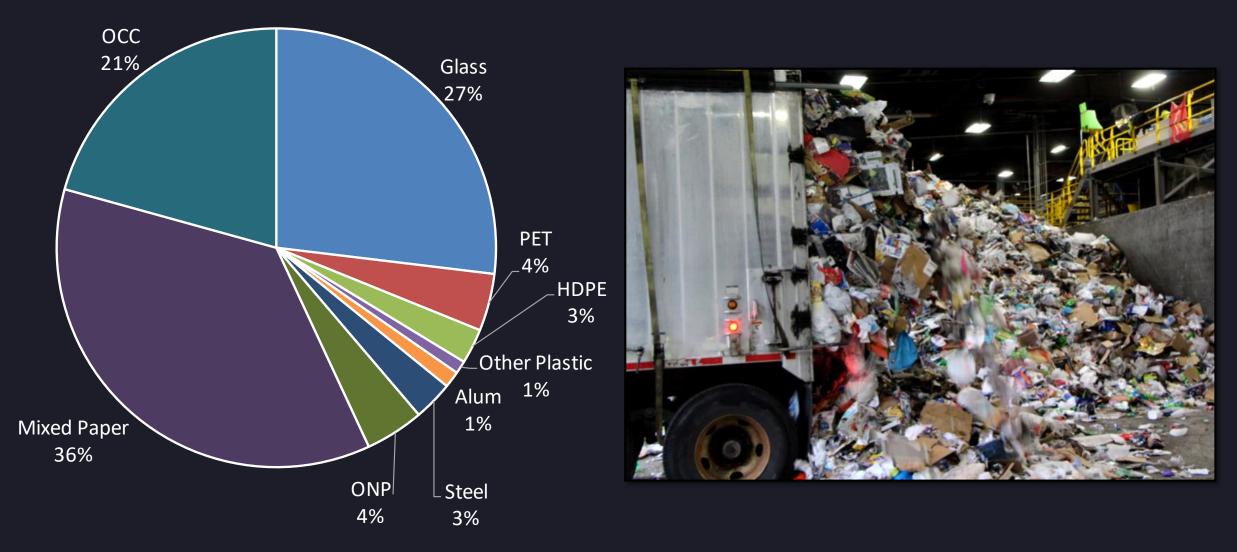
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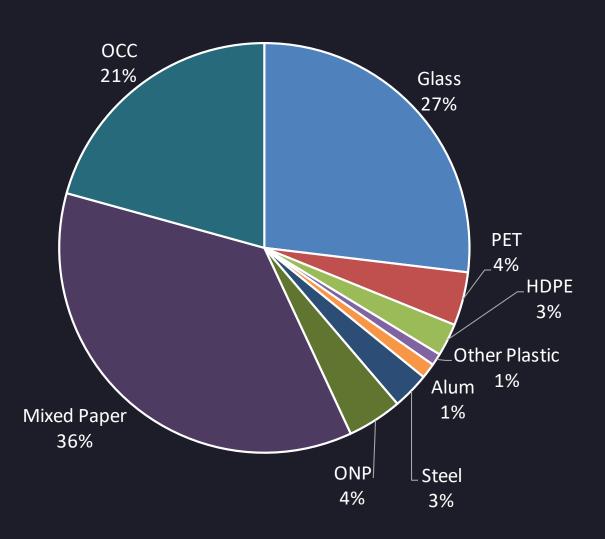


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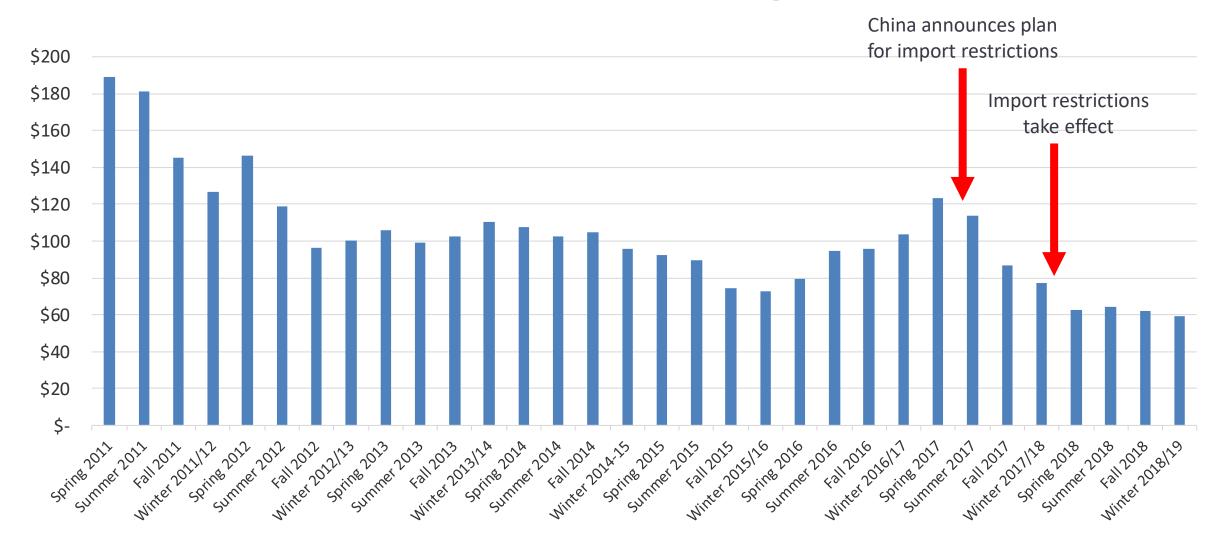
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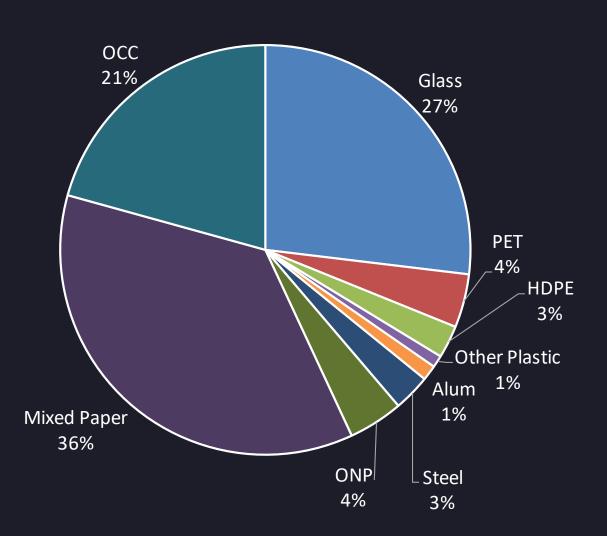




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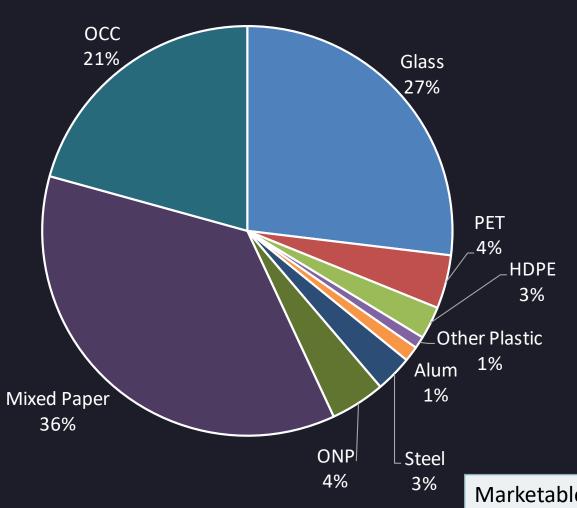
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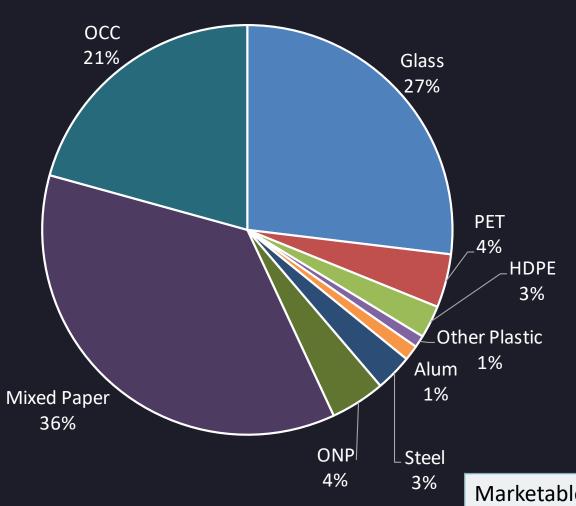


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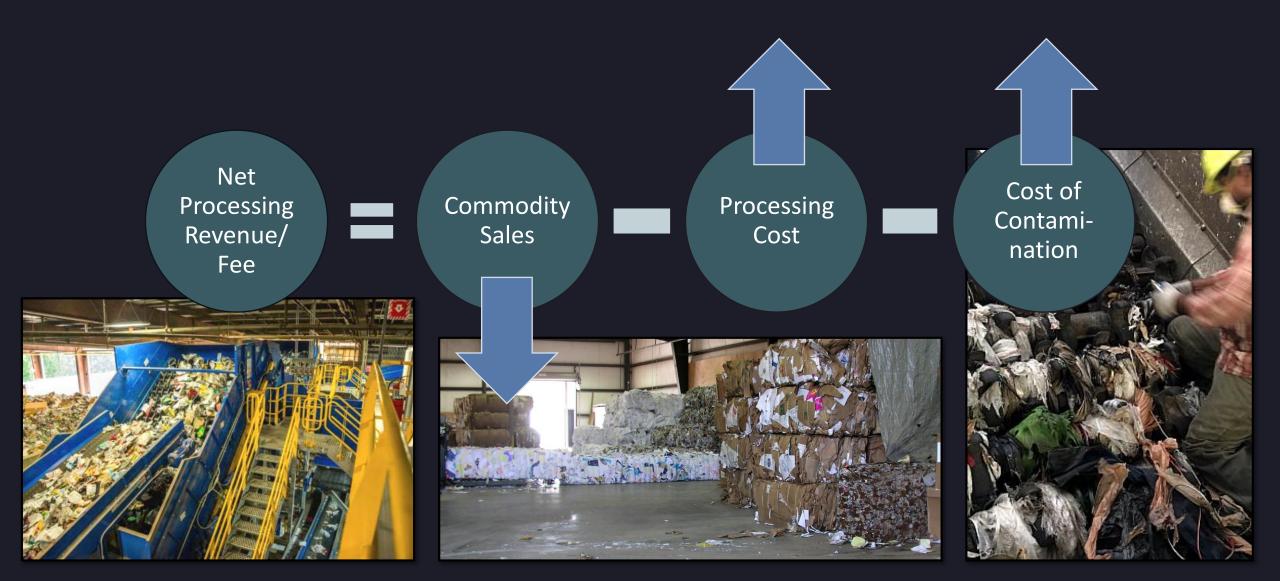


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Marketable C	ommodities	80%		\$47.26
Contaminatio	n	20%	-\$70.00	-\$14.00
Value of inco	ming ton to MRF			\$33.26

### How is this impacting MRFs?



## Bad News

Good News

- Contamination rate: 14%
- Value of commingled ton: ~\$41
- Processing Cost: \$70+

Cost of processing exceeds value of material!

• MRFs beginning to charge for contamination

- We have experienced low market values before
- Recyclers are investing in facilities and equipment
- Southeast has strong and growing domestic markets

We can work on contamination!

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