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Wk 1. CRC arrives: what does it mean for sourcing?

There has been a lot of talk about CRC and what it means for sourcing. The National Outsourcing Association, Chartered Institute for IT and many others have all voiced concerns about its effect on the outsourcing industry. In its current format CRC could lead to offshore outsourcers getting a lot of new businesses as energy-hungry companies look to re-locate their high-carbon operations offshore. Now the first CRC deadline has come into force, sourcingfocus.com gets a first-hand account of what's happening on the ground. What has happened so far? Are changes expected? What is the latest on CRC?

Wk 2. Sourcing green - how to do it and where to go

Last year sourcingfocus.com interviewed a number of pioneering outsourcers about their push to become 'greensourcers'. Greensourcing as a concept is expected to make its way back to the boardroom as the recession recedes, and canny outsourcers will not have been idle. Sourcingfocus.com investigates what it means to be a greensourcer and find's out who is leading the pack this year.

Wk 3. CSR focus - giving something back

The concept of corporate citizenship has long since percolated the UK's boardrooms, but what of outsourcing and offshoring. It's all very well looking after local communities and your immediate environment, but what if your entire datacenter or customer services operation is in Delhi? Sourcingfocus.com finds out whether the enthusiasm for offshore outsourcing has been matched by the need for good corporate citizenship.

Wk 4. The value of CSR

Many people are intensely sceptical of CSR initiatives, dismissing them as cheap PR stunts and deriding the often small amounts that companies spend. But what makes good CSR? Of course it helps if the company gains more nebulous 'goodwill' for its balance sheet, but can an organisation balance the need to look good with the innate (in some circumstances) human desire to be good? And even further, can a company's CSR project create benefit for those at both ends such as a better workforce along with new employment? Sourcingfocus.com looks into the world of CSR in outsourcing and attempts to discover this happy medium.