
European WEEE news – December 2010.

Dear readers,

we have prepared the following topics for you this month:

- Commodities:** Upwards in 2011.
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- From (the) countries:** Germany, UK, Italy, Finland and Netherlands.

Commodities: Upwards in 2011.

Our partner for the commodity reports, the IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG (www.ikb.de) reports about an increase in EU-wide steel production of 18 % throughout the year 2010. China increased even by 30 %! In November, scrap prices went up again and thus compensated the decrease in the previous month. The increase was triggered by both domestic demand and improved export volumes into Turkey. The IKB estimates a further increase of scrap prices in 2011.

You can find the full report in German on our homepage www.rene-europe.com/ WEEE News/ Commodity reports

Producer responsibility: Ban of hazardous substances from category 8 and 9.

On the 6th December 2010, the European parliament has approved the draft legislation for an extension of the ban of hazardous substances into category 8 and 9. Producers in those categories shall be granted a transition period of 8 years before being fully compliant. The draft of the legislation needs final approval from the European Council.

Source: www.euroactiv.de

The recyclers' view: Bin for miscellaneous waste no solution for category 2

During a conference held by the German bvse (www.bvse.de) in Berlin, the more than 100 participants agreed in their reluctance of accepting another household collection bin for WEEE category 2. The German approach to provide households with a bin for miscellaneous waste – including small household equipment – would not lead to higher collection rates as suggested by the initiators.

Source: http://www.recyclingmagazin.de/rm/news_detail.asp?ID=13940&NS=1

From the countries:

Germany: ear simplifies registration and monthly reporting.

From the 28th December 2010 onwards, the central WEEE register in Germany will simplify the approach to registration and reporting. Even though future applications for registration still need to reflect brands and product (sub-)categories, the guarantee can be based on product sub-categories alone. The same logic applies for the sales data reporting. This approach will simplify the guarantee establishment and the reporting for multiple brand producers with various brands in one or few categories.

Doing so, ear executes along obligations that have been raised by the German courts. However, RENE perceives this concept also as an indication of the efforts for turning around ear into a service- and customer-oriented organisation.

Source: www.stiftung-ear.de

UK: Collection slightly backwards.

The WEEE collections in the third quarter range at 40 %. This is a slight decrease of the 44 % result from the second quarter 2010.

Source: www.letsrecycle.com

Italy: Historical waste deadline now fixed

The Italian legislator has now fixed the 31st December 2010 as the deadline for historical waste. Producers in Italy now have a defined deadline for the determination of responsibility between themselves and the user of the equipment.

Source: www.ecorit.it

Finland and Netherlands: Visible fee for brown goods ends in February 2011.

With the termination of the "visible fee" on brown goods, the producers have to finance the costs for collection and recycling themselves and cannot display the costs on invoices to end users anymore. In the Netherlands, the rates at Stichting Bruingoed will now range at 0,30 Euro per kg for TV sets. However, it is estimated that 90 % of the necessary contribution volumes in the Netherlands will be covered by a fund throughout 2011, thus taking away most of the burden from the producers in this year.

Sources: Elker Oy and Stichting Bruingoed

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Your RENE team

