
European WEEE-News – August 2010.

Dear readers,

we have prepared the following topics for you this month:

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Commodities: Steel prices decline.

Our partner for the commodity reports, the IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG, reports a decline in steel prices just as well as for scrap prices throughout July 2010. This development took place despite of a rising worldwide production of steel. For the end of the quarter, however, the IKB expects a slight increase in steel prices.

For the full report, please go to www.rene-europe.com under WEEE News/ Commodity reports.

Business Initiatives: Trade-In at Acer.

Since August, registered German partners can participate in the new Acer trade-in program. The target of this initiative is the generation of take back volumes. Resale has a vital part in co-financing this initiative.

Source: www.channelinsider.de

The recyclers' view: EPEAT goes Europe.

US governmental institutions are obliged to buy only such IT products that have an EPEAT certification (Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool) (www.epeat.net). Based on 23 criterias, an environmental ranking leads to a bronze, silver or gold certification. A further expansion into other product categories is planned.

Some producers of EEE are now requiring EPEAT to expand into Europe and have already claimed expectations towards their recycling partners.

Representatives of the German recycling industry doubt that EPEAT has a meaningful contribution to European recycling quality. They refer to the treatment rates within Directive

2002/96/EC and its transpositions. Furthermore, those representatives do not appreciate that the EPEAT claims come from those producers who decide mainly on one criteria: the ultimately lowest treatment price! Those requirements don't match reality.

Please let us know **your** thoughts about EPEAT: info@rene-europe.com

From the countries:

Germany: **Lighting equipment with integrated bulbs are no longer gas discharge lamps.**

Since the 21st July 2010, lighting equipment with integrated bulbs are categorized as lamps. In so far as they are used in private households, they do no longer fall under the restrictions of the ElektroG. LED-lamps with standardized sockets that can be replaced by the user and that replace bulbs (so-called retrofit lamps) are still part of the ElektroG.

Source: ear.

France: **La corse – beating la France.**

French statistics from June 2010 indicate that Corsica reaches the highest collection rate throughout the French territory. The current value ranges at 15,4 kg per inhabitant. This achievement pushes the island of beauty up to rank 2 in Europe. Only Sweden tops the result with 16,2 kg collected WEEE per head.

www.maxisciences.com

UK: **WEEE recycling sector funds TV advertising campaign**

With regard to the low collection and recycling rates in the UK and in the light of the recast of the WEEE Directive, producer compliance schemes in the UK have gathered and are funding a TV advertising campaign. This initiative shall raise the end consumers awareness of the necessity to recycle used electrical and electronic equipment and thus raise the volume of WEEE.

Quelle: <http://www.mhwmagazine.co.uk>

Italy: **Deadline for reporting extends.**

The central WEEE register has extended the reporting deadline from the 30th June 2010 down to the 29th August 2010. Late reports are potentially subject to penalties.

Source: RENE Italy

Bulgaria: First WEEE recycling plant opened.

At the end of June, the first WEEE recycling plant in Bulgaria was opened. Located in the Sofia area, the capacity is big enough to cover the entire Bulgarian collection volume. The plant was developed by the German company Adelman (www.adelman.de).

Bulgaria is currently planning a battery recycling plant that is intended to be installed in the Plovdiv area.

Source: WtERT online

On behalf of RENE: WEEE-Quick-Check.

Are you sure that your company is correctly registered in all countries?

Is your registration really necessary?

Do you use your registration number correctly?

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We wish all of our readers a good month and a nice second half of the summer!

Your RENE Team