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## European WEEE-Updates – June 2010.

Dear readers,

we have prepared the following topics for you this month:

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**On behalf of RENE:** RENE newsletter online

The monthly RENE newsletter is now available online at [www.rene-europe.com](http://www.rene-europe.com) under news/newsletter. We publish English and German versions. Until the new hire of staff in Denmark, we stop the Danish version starting with the June issue.

**Commodities: Declining scrap prices.**

Our partner for the commodity reports, the IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG, states that throughout May the scrap prices have declined for the first time since nearly half a year. The reason lies in reduced exports into Turkey. World commodity prices have increased and a further increase of the steel price is forecasted.

RENE expects therefore that recycling costs will further go down and refunds for producers will go up. However, a buyer driven by corporate stewardship will make sure that his take back system can provide economics and match environmental standards at the same time.

If you would like to see how RENE tracks cost and revenue fractions on the order basis, send an e-mail to [helmut.minor@rene-europe.com](mailto:helmut.minor@rene-europe.com)

**Business Initiatives: New Greenpeace ranking – Apple stands, HP gains.**

Nokia leads the May ranking of Greenpeace's "Greener Electronics". Apple has defended rank 5. Samsung is in "free fall" according to Greenpeace and has plummeted from rank 7 down to 13. HP has moved up from 11 to 8. The reason for the latter is the companies approach to RoHS. The recycling concept is not commented.

Source: [greenpeace.org](http://greenpeace.org)

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**The recyclers' view:            General refund appropriate?**

Our recycling partners report that producer contracts with general refunds have now started to return to the scene. It is doubtful if these agreements are sustainable in both economic and environmental terms. Experience shows that such deals often end up in financial difficulties, sometimes bankruptcy and - on the way - to illegal exports of waste.

Source: RENE AG

**From the countries:**

**Germany:** ear attempts to improve customer orientation.

The German register Stiftung elektro-altgeräte-register © (ear) has communicated that both reporting and proof of guarantee are to be simplified. RENE has noted that both ear communication speed and communication style have improved with the departure of the former managing director and the start of Mr. Goldberg as the new responsible person.

Source: ear and RENE AG

**France:** ADEME inspects non-reporting producers.

The French ADEME has started to evaluate those producers that have not executed their annual reporting until the official deadline. The responsible persons in the register have personally received the request to access an inquiry website. An online questionnaire targets at capturing reasons for not reporting and also information about individual return systems.

Source: BIO Intelligent Service, France

**United Kingdom:** Declaration of compliance 2009 closed.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> May the period for the declaration of compliance 2009 has ended. As in previous years, the month of May was characterized by heavy trading of evidence notes between the Producer Compliance Schemes (PCS). This happened – again as before – mostly outside the Settlement Centre. The prices for the tonnages raged as usual far above the current market level. The personal engagement and support of the staff from the UK Environment Agency in meeting targets was remarkable and the positive element in the trading period.

Source: RENE UK

**Denmark:** New fractions from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010 onwards.

The Danish dpa-system has now introduced the new fractions. From the 1<sup>st</sup> September fraction 1 will contain large domestic appliances from category 1, 6 and 7. Fraction 2 will contain only cooling. Fraction 3 is made up of category 3 and 4 without monitors and TV sets and the remainder of category 6 and 7. Fraction 4 captures monitors and TV-sets. Fraction 5 remains for lighting equipment as before.

Source: dpa-System Denmark

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**Italy:** “Like for like” now to be introduced.

A new decree obligates distributors to accept the free return of a product from a private household in exchange to the purchase of a similar product. This regulation is set in place on the 18<sup>th</sup> June.

Source: Chamber of Commerce, Bressanone, Italy.

We wish all of our readers a successful month!

Your RENE team