
WEEE News – November 2012.

Dear readers,

the following topics have been prepared for you this month:

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Commodities: Damped expectations supported.

Our partner for raw material reports, the IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG (www.ikb.de) confirms the October forecast for a worldwide production for 2012 of 1.55 billion tonnes and with it a slight lower result as expected at the beginning of the year. The emission, however, would be 2 % higher than in the previous year. Against the IKB's supposition of the previous month, the scrap prices have been declining during October. For November, only a side wards movement is expected.

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Producer responsibility: Adaption of the EAG-List.

In the context of the 6th ExFO meeting at the Fraunhofer IPA (www.ipa.fraunhofer.de), Mr. Hornberger pointed out, that the EAG (waste electronic devices)-List will be edited within the frame of the RoHS 2. In the further process, the list will also be adapted in respect of WEEE2.

Source: Meeting documents Fraunhofer IPA, Expert Forum product development and product recycling

The Recycler's View: Reuse economically appropriate.

The German Federal Environmental Agency has published, that "(...) many waste electronic appliances, which has to be recycled, are still operative or repairable (...) and (...) could be used from other people." A research project confirms that the reuse is often positive for environment and climate and can also be economically appropriate. A mobile test machine has been developed, with that devices can already be tested on functionality and safety, when they were collected or took on.

Source: <http://www.umweltbundesamt.de/uba-info-medien/4338.html>

From the countries: Germany, UK, France, Denmark, Italy.

Germany: Germans hoard PCs.

About 20 millions used PC are stored in German households. Privacy is one of the crucial reasons for users not to recycle old devices.

Source: http://www.n24.de/news/newsitem_8308275.html

For a guaranteed privacy, private consumers can also use special shredder services, which are suitable for hard drives and data storage devices. (www.datenkiller.de)

UK: Cash purchase prohibition is also valid for WEEE.

The British Home Office has imposed a prohibition of the cash purchase for scrap metal dealers starting on the 3rd December 2012. The definition of scrap metal in the corresponding regulation implies, that also waste electronic equipment from scrap metal dealers are not allowed to be purchased with cash anymore.

Source: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/crime/scrap-metal-guidance?view=Binary>

France: Collecting event in the Rhone-Alpes area.

In the meanwhile the collection of waste electronic devices via collecting event is established in France. From the 14th to the 16th November a collection event took place in the Rhone-Alpes area which aimed to collect toys which also include electronic toys. The take-back system Eco-Systèmes and Emmaüs France were responsible for the organization.

Source: <http://www.rhoneenvert.fr/aufildelo/mercredi-14-et-samedi-17-novembre-2012-collecte-de-jouets-laisse-parler-ton-coeur/>

Denmark: High collecting rates, high export figures.

Denmark belongs with a collection rate of 60 % in the categories 3 and 4, to the leading EU – member states. In contrast to that, there is, however, a practically not existing recycling structure. Except of large household products and cooling appliances, the recycling takes place completely abroad. Beneath economical questions, also special demands on the guarantee of the recycling quality result from that.

If you have any questions, please contact info@rene-europe.com.

Italy: RENE AG founds their own WEEE- take-back system.

The RENE AG Italia, Brixen, has been taken from the executive committee of the Centro di Coordinamento RAEE (CcD RAEE, www.cd craee.it) as a new member. The formal contract acceptance of the request of RENE AG will take place on 13th November 2012 through the General Assembly of the CdC RAEE. The logo has already been published on the homepage, joining is possible from now on.

Interested parties please refer to italia@rene-europe.com

Source: RENE AG Italia,
http://www.cd craee.it/GetPage.pub_do?id=402882a12ed6e4ea012ed8cece300951

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