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## European WEEE news – October 2010.

Dear readers,

we have prepared the following topics for you this month:

<b>Commodities:</b>	Price rise continues.
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<b>The Recycler's View:</b>	First e-steward certificate in Europe.
<b>From (the) countries:</b>	Germany, France, UK, Belgium, Denmark, Italy, Luxembourg, Austria.

### **Commodities: Price rise continues.**

Our partner for the commodity reports, the IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG reports about a further recovery of the world steel market. At the end of August, the production level was already back on the 2008 level – again driven by China. In the line of increasing exports, scrap prices have gone up also – even though scrap traders in Germany had even higher expectations.

You can find the full report in German on our homepage [www.rene-europe.com/](http://www.rene-europe.com/) WEEE News/ Commodity reports

### **Business Initiatives: Philips and LCD.**

Herbert Rutkowski from Philips Germany will highlight Philips' approach to the "LCD wave" in a speech on the 9<sup>th</sup> WEEE Conference held by the German association bvse on the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2010 in Berlin.

Further information is available at [www.bvse.de](http://www.bvse.de) and per request at [www.rene-europe.com](http://www.rene-europe.com)

### **The recyclers' view: First e-steward certificate in Europe**

The e-steward standards have been applied to a treatment company in the UK (<http://www.presseportal.de/pm/81636>). E-stewards is a standard developed by the Basel Action Network (BAN) [www.ban.org](http://www.ban.org) It is comparable to the RENE quality charta put into force within the RENE network of European recycling companies back in 2004: independent external specialists ([www.bifa.de](http://www.bifa.de)) audit the treatment plans regularly and thus enable the achievement of the WEEE-Directive's quality objectives. In this respect, RENE AG appreciates the e-steward initiative as it emphasises the underlying logic of our genuine approach.

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**From the countries:**

**Germany: Advertising upfront to registration is legal.**

A court case from the OLG Naumburg, Germany, has confirmed that producers of EEE can engage in advertising prior to the approval of their brands' registration by the Stiftung elektroaltgeräte-register © .

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**France: Illegal waste transport are subject at Interpol.**

During an Interpol conference held in Lyon, France, participants have claimed more support from the EU countries for fighting illegal waste transports – especially to Africa. Particularly the UK has pointed out that information flow between the countries is key and today still too poor.

Source: [www.euwid.de](http://www.euwid.de)

**UK: Environment Agency intensifies cooperation with PCS.**

As part of the approval process of the producer compliance schemes' (PCS) 2011 to 2013 operational plans, the UK Environment Agency (<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk>) (EPA) has intensified the cooperation with the PCS. This includes further insight evaluations of the PCS organisation, but includes also direct support for enforcing the UK WEEE regulations into the market. RENE AG appreciates both competence and accessibility of the members in the EPA.

Source: RENE UK

**Belgium: Information campaign upon lighting equipment recycling**

The Belgium take back system Recupel has launched a public campaign upon Category 5 recycling. From the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2010 to the 26<sup>th</sup> December 2010, nationwide ads in newspapers and sports on TV and radio inform the public upon the treatment of lighting equipment.

[www.monampouleeconomique.be](http://www.monampouleeconomique.be)

**Denmark: Enforcing annual reports.**

The Danish WEEE-System ([www.dpa-system.dk](http://www.dpa-system.dk)) is in process of checking the complete 2009 annual sales reports. Producers that have not reported will loose their registration.

Source: RENE Denmark

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**Italy:                   SISTRI again delayed.**

The deadline for distributing the USB keys for SISTRI participants ([www.sistri.it](http://www.sistri.it)) has been delayed to the 30th November 2010. Using waste identity forms and the register itself has even been pushed back to the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010.

Source: Chamber of Commerce, Bolzano, Italy.

**Luxembourg:           Changes in tariffs**

The WEEE compliance scheme Ecotrel has decreased membership tariffs on the 1st October 2010. Ecotrel points out that members thus benefit from the changing economic environment in the WEEE sector. On the contrary, the collective system for batteries and accumulators, Ecobatterien, will significantly increase the tariffs on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011.

Source: Information letters from Ecotrel and Ecobatterien to participants.

**Austria:                Significant 2009 collection volume.**

Throughout 2009 the Austrian schemes have collected 9,32 kg of WEEE per inhabitant. This represents an increase of 15,7 % towards 2008.

Source: [www.euwid.de](http://www.euwid.de)

We wish all of our readers a succesful month!

Your RENE team