
European WEEE News – August 2011.

Dear readers,

the following topics have been prepared for you this month:

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Commodities: Raw materials are rising – Steel prices are declining

Our partner for raw material reports, the IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG, (www.ikb.de) announced a small increase in the global prices for raw materials throughout July, especially for precious metals. On the other hand, the prices for steel and scrap metal declined slightly. A trend reversal is not expected until September.

You find the entire IKB-Report on our web page www.rene-europe.com under the column WEEE News / Monthly raw materials report.

Producer responsibility: LG pushes ahead with e-Stewards.

LG Electronics is now a member of the Basel Action Network (BAN) and supports the standard “e-Stewards”. The aim is to be more active in the improvement of recycling quality corresponding to defined standards.

Source: <http://recyclinginternational.com/recycling-news/3809/e-waste-and-batteries/usa-korea/lg-help-take-e-stewards-worldwide>

The Recycler's View: Perspectives with Yttrium and Indium.

According to its own statements the Italian recycler Relight recovers in his pilot plant yttrium and indium from television tubes and fluorescent tubes with a degree of purity of 97 %. The industrial production will start in 2013. Yttrium and indium belong to the popular rare earth metals.

Source: <http://www.recyclingportal.eu/topartikel/27110.shtml>

From the countries: Germany, UK, France, Spain, Poland, Switzerland.

Germany: RoHS 2.0 in force

The revision of the RoHS-directive (2002/95/EG) came into force on the 21st July 2011. The deadline for the transposition into national law is set for the 2nd January 2013. From 2014 on the directive will embrace medical devices and from 2017 on monitoring and control instruments as well.

Source: www.bmu.de/rohs

UK: Authority and systems in dialogue.

In spring the British Authority EPA asked all compliance schemes to give their feedback on the changes in the viable plan documents. The viable plans are a considerable element for the British regulator for the control of the reverse flows. Further discussions will be conducted at a workshop on the 9th July 2011.

Source: www.environment-agency.gov.uk/

France: Eco-Systèmes continues with current management.

For further three years the reverse system Eco-Systèmes remains under the direction of Alain Grimm Hecker, who has been confirmed in his taken course for the third time in series.

Source: www.eco-systemes.fr

Spain: Subsidized plastic recycling.

The Spanish Indumetal Recycling has started a research project aiming a better recycling of plastic from WEEE. This project is supported financially by the Basque government.

Source: <http://recyclinginternational.com/recycling-news/3776/e-waste-and-batteries/spain/plastics-pelletisation-set-improve-weee-recovery>

Poland: WEEE in focus.

On 1st July 2011 Poland has taken over the presidency of the European Council. The official agenda for the second half of the year contains the resolution about the WEEE-Recast.

Source: <http://www.eu-koordination.de/umweltnews/news/politik-recht/964-polen-uebernimmt-eu-ratspraesidentschaft>

Switzerland: Re-gaining the top.

With 17 kilograms collected electrical waste equipment per capita, Switzerland had its comeback to the top of all WEEE collecting countries.

Source: <http://moneycab.com/mcc/?p=55920>

We wish all of our readers a good vacation time!

Your
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