
European WEEE News – December 2011.

Dear readers,

the following topics have been prepared for you this month:

Commodities:	Record in 2011, growth also in 2012.
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Commodities: Record in 2011, growth as well in 2012.

Our partner for raw material reports, the IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG, (www.ikb.de) has announced in November that the global production of steel is expected to reach the record level of 1.5 billion tons. China still beats the drum with the highest impact on demand. A growth is assumed also for 2012, even though slighter than in 2011. The prices for scrap fell again in November 2011. The exports of scrap to Turkey remain restrained. An increase in scrap prices is possible until the end of the year and during first quarter.

The entire IKB-Report can be found on our homepage www.rene-europe.com under the column WEEE News / Monthly raw materials report.

Producer responsibility: No agreement on WEEE-Recast.

The so called „Trialogue“ on the 29th November 2011 did not lead to an agreement between the involved parties (European Parliament, Council of Ministers, Commission). An additional appointment is scheduled for the 20th December 2011. First voices are assuming that there will be no progress on the topic. Especially the definition of collection quota seems to be a barrier. If no agreement is compassed, the WEEE-Recast will be postponed for years.

Source: <http://www.endseurope.com/27700/tuesdays-eu-talks-on-weee-end-with-no-deal?referrer=channel%2Dwaste> as well as own investigation.

The Recycler's View:**Who cares about deliveries?**

How could it be that containers are still at the forwarder's sites two months after picking-up from the municipality? Why is it not important that producers are reminded many times by the central register ear due to not fulfilled output declarations? RENE AG has been forced to set contractors under pressure to get containers taken to recycling. The pick-ups from municipalities are normally proceeded without problems. To big is the fear to be fined by ear. The declaration relevance of producer seems to be not interesting for hardly anybody due to missing consequences. Corresponding contradictory are statements in the return chain after the pick-up if no consequent management occurs. "We have already delivered the container" is the most innocent version. This shows once more, that a comprehensive, independent order, data and finance management is obligatory on disposal. "You get what you measure" says an American management saying. Obviously we require more measuring points – or at least a more extensive schedule of penalties.

Source: RENE AG

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Germany:**Draft for ElektroGKostV published.**

The draft for the forth regulation on changing the cost ordinance of the law for electrical- and electronic equipment (ElektroGKostV) is visible on the homepage of the German Ministry for Environment. According to this, fees for each element will be reduced remarkable. The introduction is assumed to take place throughout next year.

Source:

http://www.bmu.de/files/pdfs/allgemein/application/pdf/entwurf_4_elektrogkostv_bf.pdf

UK:**WEEE-Industry finances TV-Spot.**

With 53.000 GBP the organisation Wee-e connect is financing a 30-seconds-TV-clip. In this clip private users are informed about disposal of electric waste equipment. From the 26th December 2011 onwards, the spot will be broadcasted for four weeks by the essential TV-channels. The target group are 34.8 millions British Households.

Source:http://www.valpak.co.uk/newsandevents/news/latestnews/11-12-01/National_WEEE_recycling_advert_to_launch_on_26th_December.aspx

France: Revision on WEEE management.

The draft for revision of electric waste equipment management was accessible to the public in the Ministry for Environment until the 6th December.

Quelle: <http://www.environnement-online.com/presse/environnement/telex/3448/revision-de-la-reglementation-deee>

Austria: Radio channel collects old mobile phones „Die Ö3-Wundertüte“.

The radio station Ö3 is collecting old mobile phones from private households in cooperation with the post, according to own statements the seventh time. For this, the post delivered envelopes to all 3.6 million households in Austria. 1056 schools in Austria have collected already 20556 old mobile phones. Each mobile phone which was sent back cost-free will be reimbursed. The proceeds will be donated to charity.

Source: <http://oe3.orf.at/aktionen/stories/540450/>

Denmark: WEEE & Battery statistics for 2010 published.

In November the Danish dpa-System has published statistics for WEEE- and battery collection per collection group, municipality and person for the first time. These figures are visible on their homepage:

Source: <http://www.dpa-system.dk/da/DPA.aspx>

Norway: Elretur and Green Dot separated.

From the 1st January 2012 on, it is not longer possible to conclude contracts with Green Dot through Elretur. Declarations are possible through Elretur. If you need advice regarding your existing contracts with Elretur and the Green Dot, please send a mail to support@rene-europe.com.

We wish all of our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Your RENE team