
Europäische WEEE News – November 2011.

Dear readers,

the following topics have been prepared for you this month:

Commodities:	Investors drop out. Scrap declines.
Producer responsibility:	Triologue upon recast.
The Recycler's View:	recycle it GmbH honoured by federal state government.
From the countries:	Germany, UK, France, Italy, Netherlands, Spain.

Rohstoffe: Investors drop out. Scrap declines.

Our partner for raw material reports, the IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG, (www.ikb.de) announced fluctuating global prices for raw materials in October, resulting from the situation in the Euro-Zone as well as expectations of a global economy downward trend in 2012. The global production of steel increased due to the demand from China by 8 % in September. Ridiculously low prices for iron ore collapsed by a third in October. The prices for scrap and steel decreased as well. However the IKB is predicting stable global steel prices for November.

You find the entire IKB-report on our homepage www.rene-europe.com under the column WEEE News/Commodity reports.

Producer responsibility: Triologue upon recast.

The pressure upon the EU environment ministers and MEPs is increasing. Environmental pressure groups, NGOs and lobbyists are strongly demanding massive adaptations in the targets laid out in the WEEE recast. Focus is put on product design, collection and treatment rates. A triologue between the actors is scheduled for the 29th November 2011 and it is hoped that a resolution will be found shortly afterwards.

Quelle: <http://www.element14.com/community/message/39861#39861//pressure-mounts-on-eu-to-find-weee-recast-resolution>

The Recycler's View: recycle it GmbH honoured by federal state government.

The recycle it GmbH, parent company and partner of RENE AG, has been honoured on 14th October 2011 by secretary of state Dr. Söder (now finance minister in Bavaria) for long-time and exemplary environment management. The recycle it GmbH has been committing itself since 1997 in the so-called "environment package" which is based on the conviction, the nature could be protected better by voluntary and reliable cooperation of state and economy

than only by laws and regulations. Correspondingly RENE AG does not only rely on the ISO 14,001 certification of its recycling partners but demands the realization of a voluntary RENE-Quality-Charter from them additionally.

Source: <http://www.stmug.bayern.de/umwelt/wirtschaft/index.htm>

From the countries: Germany, UK, France, Italy, Netherlands, Spain.

Germany: Recycling and waste disposal law favours municipalities?

The amendment of KWAG is supposed to supersede the “yellow sack” with a “recycling bin”, in which plastic waste and waste metal can be disposed. Voices from the waste sector are making complaints; the introduction of this law would be dominated by competences not by environmental aims. It is feared, the municipalities will have too much advantages.

(Source: Süddeutsche Zeitung, 5./ 6. November 2011, page 28).

www.sueddeutsche.de

The state-run bank Kfw recommends German companies to develop more strategies than up to now for a sustainable securing of raw materials. Obviously participations in projects for mining belong to that as well. In addition resources are to be used more efficiently and the secondary raw materials more often. This aims the reduction of the import dependence and of the total primary requirement of raw materials.

(Quelle: Süddeutsche Zeitung, 11. November 2011, page19)

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UK: One more recycler loses permission

The Environment Agency has revoked the permission of one more recycler as so called AATF on 4th November:

TLC Recycling Ltd
Stone Pit Lane
Treefield Industrial Estate
Gelder Road
Leeds
LS27 7JU
Permission number: WEE/SC0006ZT/ATF

Consequently TLC Recycling Ltd is not able to issue further Evidence Notes. Affected systems/producer can therefore not be released from their obligations.

Source: www.environment-agency.gov.uk

France: New regulations on metal trade.

Buyers of metal are going to have to declare the data of sellers and the volumes to the tax office from 1st January 2012 on. Since 31st July 2011 sales of ferrous- and non-ferrous metal are not allowed to be carried out cash.

Source: eco-systeme

Italy: October: WEEE is core topic at Ecomondo

From 9th to 12th November this year's Ecomondo, an international trade fair for recycling, energy and sustainable development again took place in Rimini. Core topics this year had been the technologies for the recycling of electric waste equipment.

Source: <http://fiera-rimini.abcrimini.com/ecomondo.php>

Netherlands: Wecycle raises prices significantly.

The members of „Stichting Bruingloed“ have been informed, that after the omission of the visible fee in February 2011, the costs for recycling are to be dealt with the respective take-back system. The system has announced massive price increases for 2012. 80 % of the increased will be covered by the usage of savings. Nevertheless the costs for the affected producer will be significant higher above the level of 2011.

Source: Notification of Stichting Bruingloed to the connected producer
<http://www.wecycle.nl>

Spain: Auditing of system registrations and sales data

Last month the government of Catalonia has verified the membership of producers in take-back systems for batteries. On this, it was noticed that not all systems had the necessary geographic covering. Just the membership in any take-back system is not enough for the release.

During the auditing of sales quantity data, the basis of the raw data as well as the consistency of declarations to the system and the carryover to the Spanish central register had been verified.

Source: RENE AG

We wish all of our readers a succesful month!

Your RENE Team