
European WEEE News – September 2011.

Dear readers,

the following topics have been prepared for you this month:

Commodities:	Steel production shoots for all time high with prices increasing slowly.
Producer responsibility:	No compromises on WEEE Recast collection target.
The Recycler's View:	Increasing public awareness upon cat 5 recycling.
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Commodities: **Steel production shoots for all time high with prices increasing slowly.**

Our partner for commodity reports, the IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG, (www.ikb.de) announces a decline in global prices for raw materials for August on dollar basis of more than 5%. The global steel prices decreased by 3%, the prices for scrap remained – now for four months – stable. This is due to the turbulences in the financial market and the worry that those will affect the real economy. In contrast, the global steel production rose by 8 % in July. Responsible for the growth is still China, which is expected to reach an output level of 700 million tons at the end of the year. A worldwide production volume of 1.5 billion tons of crude steel is expected by the end of the year for the first time ever.

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

Producer responsibility: **No compromises on WEEE Recast collection target**

European Parliament Delegate Karl-Heinz Florenz published his recommendation for the second reading of the revision of the WEEE-Directive. According to his position paper the essential targets of the „recast“ are not to be softened. Florenz especially requires to retain the determination for a collection target of 85 % by 2016.

Source:

http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2009_2014/documents/envi/pr/874/874216/874216e_n.pdf

The Recycler's View: Increasing public awareness upon cat 5 recycling

Since the 1st September 2011 60-watt-light bulbs are banned from the German market. Obsolete bulbs have to be replaced by LED-lights and energy saving electric bulbs. According to a survey of the German take-back system Lightcycle, 73 % of the interviewees know how to dispose the lamps. Almost half of them would dispose obsolete lighting equipment at a municipal collection point. One out of every five would use a collection box displayed in retail shops.

Source: <http://www.lightcycle.de/presse.html>

Aus den Ländern: Germany, UK, France, Italy, Netherlands, Sweden, Malta

Germany: Green party for the introduction of collective schemes?

The parliamentary group of "Bündnis 90/Die Grünen" has put forward an approach for the extension of the producer responsibility. According to this, the German party is also calling for an evaluation upon the introduction of collective mandatory WEEE compliance schemes for mobile phones.

Source: www.bmu.de/rohs

UK: New treatment standards introduced.

Embracing several authorities a new standard for pre-treatment of electrical waste equipment in the United Kingdom was defined. This standard PAS141 is determining minimum requirements for the treatment of obsolete electrical and electronic equipment before made available for reuse.

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

France: Where to return WEEE?

Private end-users still lack information upon the return locations for WEEE, the treatment processes and the responsibilities behind all this. Particularly small WEEE is therefore often ending in the regular unsorted domestic waste stream. Partially, private households hand their WEEE also over to "resellers".

Source: RENE-investigation

Italy: B2C-allocation is done, SISTRI is dead.

The central coordination office finished the allocation of the collection stations to the take-back-systems on the basis of the declarations of the year 2010. As a result the systems are now able to optimize their infrastructure.

Source: EcoR´it

The traceability system for waste SISTRI, which has attracted attention in the past because of its postponing character (see for example RENE-Newsletter, RENE WEEE-News October 2010), is now abolished! An appropriate arrangement came into force by law decree no. 138 of 18th August 2011 with immediate effect.

Source: Newsletter/ Ambiente 12/2011 of 16th August of the chamber of commerce Bozen.

Netherlands: International Benchmark-Study about recycling-standards

ICT Mileu has hired the auditing company PwC with a Benchmark-study in Belgium, Denmark, Germany and UK. Return organisations for electrical waste equipment of categories 3 and 4 are questioned regarding their recycling rates and costs.

Source: ICT Mileu

Sweden: New information campaign.

Despite the high collection rate, the take-back system EI-Kretsen is carrying out an information campaign for the public together with the local authorities from 23rd until 25th September.

Source: EI-Kretsen

Malta: Authority outlines WEEE guidance plan

“A plan to provide guidance to stakeholders managing Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Weee) has been developed by the Malta Environment and Planning Authority (Mepa). The plan highlights Malta's commitments under European legislation, in particular the achievement of re-use, recycling and recovery targets. It identifies the roles and responsibilities of the various economic operators, and outlines the infrastructure and financial measures deemed necessary to manage Weee generated locally. Public consultation on the draft Weee plan is being carried out jointly by the Office of the Prime Minister and Mepa.”

Source: <http://www.timesofmalta.com/articles/view/20110909/local/mepa-publishes-plan-on-managing-weee-directive.384022>

A feedback from the various actors is expected by October 31st 2011.

Source: <http://www.mepa.org.mt/home?l=1>

We wish all of our readers a succesful month!

Your RENE team