
WEEE News – August 2012.

Dear readers,

the following topics have been prepared for you this month:

Commodities:	Steel production rising – steel prices decreasing.
Producer responsibility:	Transition phase for WEEE Recast has started.
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Commodities: Steel production rising – steel prices decreasing.

Our partner for raw material reports, the IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG (www.ikb.de) reports an increase in worldwide steel production in the first half of 2012, driven by demand from Asia and Northern America. The steel and scrap prices, however, are decreasing. Overall a sideward trend in pricing is expected.

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

Producer responsibility: Transition phase for WEEE Recast has started.

The new WEEE-Directive 2012/19/EU is in force. The member states of the EU have now time until the 14th February 2014 for the transposition into national law.

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/weee/index_en.htm

The Recycler's View: International Recycling & Recovery Congress in Berlin.

The final program for the IRRC in Berlin now stands. The congress is an international forum for the exchange of information regarding the waste stream management and recycling in the EU. The speeches are covering political and strategic topics as well as subject areas of the WEEE-legislation and recycling. RENE AG is giving a speech upon the WEEE Recast

Source: <http://www.vivis.de/international-recycling-a-recovery-congress-irrc/programm-irrc.html>

From the countries: Germany, UK, France, Portugal, Israel, Canada (BC).

Germany: Formal changes for registration and reporting.

Collection group 4 (gas discharge lamps) will be reported on the actual weight basis from the 1st January 2013 onwards. This sets an end to the calculated weight per unit that is in use today.

Since the 1st August 2012 the naming of category 6 has been changed. The German register ear now applies the distinction of household and non-household to the category title. There are no consequences for existing registrations.

Source: <http://www.stiftung-ear.de/>

Since the 1st June 2012, a reseller can be prosecuted if his supplier is registered, but the registration does not include the brand or the product type that has been put on the market. Furthermore, even offering a product already implies an obligation to register.

Source: EU-Recycling 08/2012, page 6 f.

UK: Review of UK producer responsibility regulations.

The British Defra and BIS are currently reviewing UK producer responsibility regulations, among them WEEE, batteries and packaging. Both organisations will collect and review proposals for improving and gaining greater coherence.

Source: UK Environment Agency

France: Thousands of new collection places.

The French Eco-Systèmes has announced to install 3000 new collection sites in France throughout 2012. This will increase the amounts of available sites to 7.500.

Source: www.eco-systèmes.fr

Portugal: Massive fines.

The Portuguese WEEE register anreee has put pressure upon not registered producers and by indicating a potential fine of 2.5 Mio € for not registering.

Source: anreee mailing, www.anreee.pt

Israel: E-waste legislation approved.

The Knesset Economic Affairs Committee (KEAC) has approved the so-called e-waste bill in its second and third reading. Producers have to recycle up to 50 % of the sold volumes by the year 2021. The new legislation is supposed to relieve Israel of an amount of 85.000 tons of landfill per year.

Source: www.recyclinginternational.com

Canada (BC): Phase 5 in British Columbia.

Since the 1st July 2012, British Columbia has started the fifth and final phase of the roll-out of the legislation upon WEEE. All product categories and batteries are now covered. Producers have to register, report and pay fees according to their marketed volumes.

Source. British Columbia Environmental Management Act B.C. Reg. 449/2004

Our view: Environmental protection is a global task.

RENE AG has ever since its foundation focussed on Europe and the requirements that stem from Directive 2002/96/EC. Over time, our customers have also asked us to manage the compliance with regard to the Battery Directive 2006/66/EC and the Packaging Directive 94/62/EC. Since some time now, the world sees the implementation of WEEE legislations also outside Europe and worldwide (e.g. Canada, India, Israel, Turkey). Our clients, who are very often global players have asked us to respond globally to this development. RENE AG appreciated the trust in our services and expands the service level accordingly.

As a consequence, we currently change the content of our website and are also amending this newsletter.

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We are looking forward to your feedback!

Your RENE Team