
Europäische WEEE News – Januar 2012.

Dear readers,

the following topics have been prepared for you this month:

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Commodities: Downturn at the end of the year, now trend reversal?

Our partner for raw material reports, the IKB Deutsche Bundesbank, notifies a slight falling steel production and slightly declining prices for steel during the last months of the year. Also the ridiculously low prices for iron ore climbed further downwards weakly and were on the lowest level of the last 15 months. In comparison the prices for scrap increased by the end of the year. Die IKB is reckoning with rising prices for steel during the first phase of the year.

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

Producer responsibility: WEEE Recast is now official.

The EU Parliament has agreed on WEEE Recast. According to this, the member nations have higher collection targets, irrespective if the original 4-kg-collection targets already had been fulfilled. Until 2016 45 % of the volume sold on average during the last three years is to be collected. This figure is to rise up to 65 until 2019. Small appliances are to be given back in stores free of charge even without buying a new device. The recycling proportion is to rise as well. The registration and declaration are to be simplified as well and in the countries one legal representative for registration is to be enough.

Source:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20120119IPR35666/html/Better-management-of-e-waste>

The Recycler's View: Without weighing note the producer forks out more.

How can it be, that correct weighing notes are not provided fast and uncomplicated? This note is the last monitoring opportunity for the producer. How many kilograms or tons really have been recycled? Do the statements on the note go hand and hand with my obligations? How much have I been invoiced for? So the control of recycling costs starts with the weighing note. In a model of "Pay as you scrap" that aims profit by optimization of process costs, these answers have central importance. Only if the producer knows the certificate, he is able to assess if he receives a correct invoice and - in so far applicable - sufficient payment from his recycler. The ignorance of weighing notes tends to result in higher costs!

Source: RENE AG

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

Germany: Foundation ear reduces fees from 1st January 2012

The Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety has issued the necessary regulation for changing the cost ordinance of the law for electrical – and electronic equipment (ElektroGKostV) on 14.12.2011. The regulation was pronounced on 30.12.2011 and came into force on 31.12.2011. The fees will decrease by 18 percent on average.

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

Here you can find the text of the new ElektroGKostV:

http://www.bmu.de/files/pdfs/allgemein/application/pdf/4_verordnung_elektrogkostv_bf.pdf

UK: Small devices are collected together with household waste.

Pink coloured plastic bags are to persuade the inhabitants of the English municipality Woking to a separate collecting of electronic and electrical waste equipment. Since December 2011 the local waste removers take those bags with them on collecting household waste and devote them to an adequate recycling facility. Herewith the part of electronic and electrical waste equipment, which lands on waste disposal sites, is to be reduced. In April 2012 the municipalities Surrey Heath and Swale Borough will follow. All three municipalities are part of a field trial, which is financed by WEEE Project Fund and is under the patronage of the Department for Business Innovation and Skills. The WEEE Project Fund is held by distributors. Overall there are 20 projects of this kind, which will be realized throughout the nation until December 2012.

Source: <http://www.letsrecycle.com/news/latest-news/weee/small-weee-collections-launched-by-three-councils-6>

<http://www.bis.gov.uk/weee>

France:

ADEME publishes annual report 2010.

The French ADEME has published the WEEE annual report for 2010. According to this, 433935 tons of electronic and electrical waste equipment for 6041 producers have been collected. The annual report (only in French) is available under the following link:

<http://www2.ademe.fr/servlet/getDoc?cid=96&m=3&id=79580&p1=00&p2=05&ref=17597>

Poland:

Electric scrap bartered for Christmas tree

Disposal incentives of its own were offered by an environmental protection foundation from Warsaw. On two Saturdays before Christmas, one of 800 free of charge Christmas trees were given for one kilo batteries, four small, two middle or one large electronic waste device (i.e. fridge)!

Source: http://www.europeonline-magazine.eu/weihnachtliche-bartergeschaefte_173835.html

We wish all of our readers a successful year 2012!

Your RENE Team