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**WEEE News – October 2012.**

Dear readers,

the following topics have been prepared for you this month:

<b>Commodities:</b>	Damped expectations.
<b>Producer responsibility:</b>	Reuse - more complicated as you think.
<b>The Recycler's View:</b>	"Act national, but think global".
<b>From the countries:</b>	Germany, UK, France, Luxembourg, Sweden, Canada.

**Commodities: Damped expectations.**

Our partner for raw material reports, the IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG ([www.ikb.de](http://www.ikb.de)) takes back the forecast for the worldwide crude steel production of 1.6 billions tonnes to 1.55 billions (see RENE WEEE News September 2012). This would still be, however, an increase by 2 % compared with the previous year. For the scrap prices, the IKB predicts a slight upwards potential in October.

The entire IKB-report can be found on our homepage [www.rene-europe.com](http://www.rene-europe.com) under the column WEEE News / Newsletter.

**Producer responsibility: Reuse – more complicated as you think**

The authors Dr. Jens Nusser and Dr. Ralf Brüning think out of the box in their article "Wiederverwendung von Elektrogeräte neu definiert". They ask themselves, for example, whether reused appliances have to keep on restrictions from ElektroG, BattG, EVPG, EMVG and FTEG as a new device by definition. Also the potential export restrictions of repairable used devices in third countries with low hourly wages is questioned, especially with regard to the destruction of a "micro economic in export countries which is just under construction"

Source:

[http://www.elektroniknet.de/e-fertigung/technik-know-how/baugruppenfertigung/article/91443/3/Wiederverwendung\\_von\\_Elektrogeraeten\\_neu\\_definiert/](http://www.elektroniknet.de/e-fertigung/technik-know-how/baugruppenfertigung/article/91443/3/Wiederverwendung_von_Elektrogeraeten_neu_definiert/)

**The Recycler's View: Act national, but think global"**

The European Electronics Recyclers Association – EERA has published a position paper with the most important remarks to the WEEE Recast : non-stop declarations (also with border-crossing waste shipment) as well as the implementation of standardised utilization process quality essentially.

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Source: <http://www.eera-recyclers.com/sites/default/files/EERA%20Position%20Paper%20on%20implementation%20of%20WEEE%202.pdf>

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**Germany: ear changes the waste management costs.**

From the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 are the new rates will be valid which have been settled by the ear regulation 02-003. These are to be considered in the calculation of the guarantee fee for 2013. The ear informs, when the realization can be see in the declaration system. This amendments are to be respected when issuing of the guarantee documents.

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

**UK: Africa WEEE – Consulting form Great Britain/ BIS & WEEE2**

The African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) in Arusha, Tansania has been supported by actors from the British WEEE sector with the development of a so-called WEEE-Declaration. Thereby the standard of WEEE-Recycling in Africa should be increased. The participants from the UK side were: Reclamed Appliances, HP, Dell, Nokia, Philips, the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) and the University of Northampton's School of Science and Technology.

Source: <http://www.letsrecycle.com/news/latest-news/weee/uk-weee-sector-aids-development-of-african-declaration>

The conversion of WEEE2 into British law is boosted by the BIS. During Q4, first proposals are to be worked out and to be shown to the cabinet as a first step.

**France: Battery recycling becomes more expensive.**

The collective take-back system Corepile has announced an average price increase by 8.9 % and held nearly the same value in prospect for 2014.

Source: Newsletter Corepile, <http://www.corepile.fr>

**Luxembourg: Battery recycling do not becomes more expensive.**

The collective take-back system ecobatterien has announced, they do not plan to rise the prices for the battery recycling in 2013.

Source: Newsletter ecobatterien, [www.ecobatterien.lu](http://www.ecobatterien.lu)

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**Sweden:**

**Lawsuit by EU-Commission.**

Due to the years-long overdue realization of essential aspects of the WEEE Directives, inter alia to Annex III and the standards to the storage and recycling of used electro devices, the EU Commission is taking Sweden to the European Court of Justice.

**Canada**

**Mutual definition of products in all systems.**

The Canadian take-back systems have agreed on a mutual understanding of disputed products. With it belongs inter alia wireless adaptors as well as touchscreens.

We wish all our readers a successful month!

Your RENE Team