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**WEEE News – September 2012.**

Dear readers,

the following topics have been prepared for you this month:

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**Commodities:                      New record output of steel.**

Our partner for raw material reports, the IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG ([www.ikb.de](http://www.ikb.de)) reports an increase in worldwide steel production until the end of July by 1 % and they expect, however, a new global record output of up to 1.6 billions tonnes of crude steel. The car production, the construction of power plants and international infrastructure projects are responsible for this increase. The demand for scrap has also become brisk again. Turkey as well as China have ordered more scrap on the global markets. For the fourth quarter, the IKB predicts a slight rise of the scrap price.

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:    WEEE – Recast: How far does standardisation go?**

Currently the national registers work at their part of details of the realization of the new WEEE-Directive 2012/19EU. A special challenge displays the standardisation of the registration and sales raw data reporting requirements. The unification of product definition is a focus of the discussion. In this aspect, the collaboration with EWRN (European Waste Registers Network) proves its worth. The aim is the prompt definition of mutual minimum criteria in all three sectors.

Source: RENE survey

**The Recycler's View:            Are dual systems really necessary?**

In the context of the International Recycling & Recovery Congress IRRC in Berlin on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012, Mr. Prof. Dr. Thomé-Kozmiensky questioned the sense of the dual systems for the packaging disposal in Germany. Within the scope of his lecture, he compared the organisation of the packaging disposal by dual systems with the remarkable inefficiency of the Machine of Marly, with which King Louis XIV once tried to water the gardens of Versailles- as is known with limited success (the machine got so little

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water in the gardens of Versailles that the fountains have only been run when the king was in sight).

Source: Prof. Dr. Dr. Thomé-Kozmiensky: Forty years of Waste Management in Germany, in: Waste Management, Volume 3, Recycling and Recovery, Page 64 f.

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

**From the countries:** Germany, UK, France, Turkey, Israel, Peru

**Germany: Milestones to the new ElektroG.**

The realization of the new WEEE-Directive in Germany requires the verification of the application sector of ElektroG, the scale and content of the collect groups, the collecting infrastructure, especially the obligation to take back of the commerce as well as the utilization regarding re-use and recovery of “resource-relevant metals”. A first work draft of the BMU is already expected for the fourth quarter 2012.

Source: Presentation BMU, Rummler in: Präsentationsfolien, Expertenfolien, Produktentwicklung und Produktrecycling “ExFO 2012 – Green Manufacturing”, Fraunhofer IPA, Stuttgart, 18. September 2012.

**UK: Who is the most hard-working collector?**

Forty schools in South-East-Wales have started a collecting competition on the 24<sup>th</sup> September. The school, which collects the most small household devices, ITC and audio and video systems until the end of October, will receive attractive prizes – in the form of new electro – and electronic devices.

Source:

[http://www.resource.uk.com/article/Latest/Welsh\\_schools\\_compete\\_WEEE\\_Reuse\\_Recycle\\_2012-2250](http://www.resource.uk.com/article/Latest/Welsh_schools_compete_WEEE_Reuse_Recycle_2012-2250)

**France: B2B- take – back systems in place.**

For the collective take-back of professional used electrical appliances (B2B), four licensed systems are ready for usage in France since the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2012. Different WEEE-categories are taken back by the system, a complete coverage of all appliances in all categories is not in place yet. As until now, manufacturers have the opportunity to organise the take backs individually or to delegate it to the end-user.

Source: [www.ademe.fr](http://www.ademe.fr)

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**Turkey: Still no administrative infrastructure for WEEE.**

Manufacturers of electrical and electronic appliances are not able to register themselves in Turkey. The necessary infrastructure (register, Clearing House) is still in the process of preparation.

Source: RENE- survey

**Israel: WEEE- and Battery legislation only in 2014.**

The new law about used electrical appliances will come into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014. During the year 2013 the announcement of take-back systems is expected.

**Peru: WEEE to be managed.**

Since the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2012, the responsible authority demands a proof of the WEEE-management plans from manufacturers of electrical and electronic appliances. They can be rendered collectively or individually.

Source: Ministry of Environment Peru

We wish all our readers a successful monthly settlement!

Your RENE Team