
WEEE News – February 2013.

Dear readers,

the following topics have been prepared for you this month:

Commodities:	Continuous increase.
Producer responsibility:	WEEELABEX FAQ published.
The Recycler's View:	Re-introduction of official controls.
From the countries:	Germany, UK, France, Italy, Ireland, Slovakia.

Commodities: Continuous increase.

Our partner for raw material reports, the IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG (www.ikb.de), also confirms in February the forecast of inclining prices at European steel products for Q1. In January the scrap prices tended to move sideward while the prices for ore rose.

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

Producer responsibility: WEEELABEX FAQ published.

The WEEE Forum, an association from European WEEE Compliances Schemes, has published a questionnaire about the audit standard WEEELABEX. Especially regarding the welcome initiative, it is regrettable that only so-called non-profit organisations are allowed as members.

Source: www.weee-forum.org

The Recycler's View: re-introduction of official controls

The British Environment Agency controls since December 2012 about 20 designated collection facilities (DCF) to identify potential wrong collections of used electrical appliances. This measure addresses the problem of "Leakage", the non-controlled and partially illegal collection of used appliances.

Source:

<http://www.letsrecycle.com/news/latest-news/weee/agency-investigates-dcf-weee-leakage>

From the countries: Germany, UK, France, Italy, Ireland, Slovakia.

Germany: EAR- fee supposed to rise.

Due to the increasing opting out of the municipalities in the range of the German ElektroG, the number of the administrating official take-back orders has significantly declined. The workforce of the Stiftung elektro-altgeräte-register © remains the same. Therefore, the fees for take-back and provision orders are to be risen slightly by 40 %.

Source: euwid online

UK: Games consoles belong to WEE- category 7.

With the start of the compliance period 2013, games consoles have to be declared in the WEEE-category 7 in UK. The authority takes note that consoles are also be used as multi-media devices, contains hard drives and have access to the internet. But they are, however, toys, sport and leisure equipment.

Source: Circular of the UK Environment Agency <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/>

France: Web-based Eco-Design.

The French take-back systems for WEEE have launched a homepage, which gives a line about the Eco-Design of electronic and electrical equipment. The homepage is available in French and English language.

Source: http://eco3e.eu/introduction_en/

Italy: Delay in realization of the WEEE-Recast.

Due to the upcoming parliament elections, a suggestion for the Italian realization of the Directive 2012/19/EU cannot be expected at short notice. RENE AG assumes that the introduction of the new regulation will not be finished in February 2014.

Source: Centro di Coordinamento RAEE, http://www.cdcrree.it/GetHome.pub_do
RENE AG Italia, <http://www.rene-europe.com/index.php?id=351&L=5>

Ireland: No Visible Fee for large household appliances.

The Irish take-back system WEEE Ireland reminds again that since 31st January 2013 the Visible Fee has been reduced to zero for category 1.

Source: Circular from WEEE Ireland

Slovakia: Threatening process due to missing realization.

Despite of a reminder in June 2012, Slovakia has still not realized the Battery Directive 2006/66/EC completely. A further reminder is pending, a process before the European Court of Justice is on the agenda

Source: Compliance & Risks, <http://www.complianceandrisks.com>

We wish all our readers a successful month!

Your RENE Team