
WEEE News – January 2013.

Dear readers,

the following topics have been prepared for you this month:

Commodities:	Q1 2013: Prices are still increasing.
Producer responsibility:	Little news at IERC.
The Recycler's View:	Disclosure of recycling quotes only until level 1.
From the countries:	Germany, UK, France, Italy, Netherlands, Nigeria.

Commodities: Q1 2013: Prices are still increasing.

Our partner for raw material reports, the IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG (www.ikb.de), confirms, that the increase in prices for scrap material which begun in November 2012 also continued in December 2012. For the first quarter 2013 the IKB expects a global increase in steel prices by 3% - 5 %.

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

Producer responsibility: Little news at IERC.

This year's International Electronics Recycling Congress in Salzburg did not bring much news regarding the implementation of WEEE 2.0. The opening lectures stayed on general level, unfortunately with the tendency to corporate presentations. More than 500 participants from the sector enabled the proved basis to initiate contacts in the sector. The organisation of the conference which was done by ICM was professional as usual.

Source: RENE AG

The Recycler's View: Disclosure of recycling quotes only until level 1.

The Belgian Recupel expects from producers, which had their own take backs during 2012, a more detailed breakdown of the fractions than determined in Article 7 of the Directive 2002/96/EG. These details are considered confidential by recycling companies and are not directly given to the clients but are entered into the Recupel-„Reptool“ by the licensed recycling partners of Recupel. Nevertheless the producers receive the demand to declare this data directly. Here is obviously required clarification of responsibilities.

Source: RENE AG

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Germany: Own take-back can be declared directly.

The German foundation Stiftung elektro-altgeräte-register © (ear) allows the direct declaration from own take backs into the ear-system since 1st September 2012. The retrospective declaration of volumes and recycling quotes from 2012 is still possible until the 30th April 2013.

The importance of declaring own take backs will rise in RENE AG's opinion from 2014 on at the latest with the background of the increased collection targets of WEEE 2.0.

Source: <http://www.stiftung-ear.de/download/ear-insight-01-2013.pdf>

UK: Suggestion for implementation of WEEE 2.0 in February.

The English Department of Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) will present a suggestion for the implementation of Directive 2012/19/EU during February. At the moment there are obviously three considerable options for the adjustment of the WEEE Regulations.

Source: RENE AG WEEE PCS UK

France: What to do with my electrical and electronic waste equipment – help online.

The French take-back system Eco-Systèmes has installed on his homepage an ingenious classification system for the handing-over of electrical and electronic waste equipment. Based on the types of products the producer can click through different options to his individual solution. Interactive connections to other organisations and to Facebook help on finding the correct disposal way.

Source: www.eco-systemes.fr

Italy: Business Key expires, collection only personally.

The declarations for 2012 and new registrations in the register RAEE can be done only through a personal and from the local Chamber of Industry and Commerce authorized Business Key. This key has a restricted „life“ and has to be replaced after. The Chamber of Industry and Commerce is only allowed to hand over the key personally. To save travelling expenses, an authorization from the producers is enough for RENE AG to do the declarations on behalf of them. This saves time and is eco-friendly.

Source: RENE AG Italia, <http://www.rene-europe.com/index.php?id=351&L=5>

Netherlands: Two become one.

The both take-back systems for waste electronic and electrical equipment, ICT Milieu and Wecycle have merged until 1st January 2013. RENE AG is informed about plans for a new take-back system alternative to ICT Milieu. We will keep you informed.

Source: WEEE-Forum: „Eye on WEEE“, January 2013, www.weee-forum.org

Nigeria: 1 Million US \$ penalty for illegal WEEE-Import.

For the import of waste electronic and electrical equipment to Nigeria the importers paid their freedom and the owner of the ships a penalty of 1 Mio US \$. The ship with two containers, which had WEEE in them, originally came from Tilbury, UK. The local Nigerian authorities were on notice.

Source: <http://allafrica.com/stories/201301140302.html>

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