WEEE News – June 2013.



Dear readers,

the following topics have been prepared for you this month:

Commodities:	Continuous decrease in prices.
Producer responsibility:	Too good to be true.
The Recycler's View:	New perspectives – self made.
From the countries:	Germany, UK, France, Italy, Denmark, Croatia, Spain, Norway, Iceland, Turkey, Michigan, Brazil.

Commodities: Continuous decrease in prices.

Our partner for raw material reports, the IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG (<u>www.ikb.de</u>), reports from further decline in ore-, steel- and scrap prices. During the 3rd quarter, however, increasing prices will be reckoned. Instead of steel production, a new record volume will be expected due to the construction of more power stations and international infrastructure projects; in Europe, the incline in demand will be a long time coming until 2014.

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

Producer responsibility: Too good to be true.

The chance of financial success motivates more and more companies to join in the attractive market for WEEE-recycling. Therefore, producers with huge volumes can easily change their recycling partner; there seems to be always someone who is willing to pay more. Some of the producer's persons responsible make intentionally use of that. Particular these actors have to be aware of the fact that providers from especially attractive offers have obviously lacks in the necessary documentation of the recycling rates, as it has been published in the context of a study recently. According to this study, producers are not released from the obligation to finance the collection- and recycling organization of WEEE-products due to poor reporting from those "attractive" partners! This may prove as boomerang for the producers. If there is a financially compelling offer it is also very important to check the certification of the recycling sites and a complete and reasonable documentation of the amount of the takebacks and recycling rates. In every case, the fines are higher than the received payoffs.

Quelle: <u>http://www.lrsconsultancy.com/news-and-events/news/29/Majority-of-B2B-WEEE-</u> collections-are-not-reported-in-compliance-with-the-WEEE-Directive?goback=%2Egde 892387 member 244632783#.Ub7k4NzwCrd

The Recycler's View: New prospects – self made.

Workers of an Italian automotive supplier, who had to stop activity and had to lay off more than 300 employees, have suddenly converted the factory buildings to a recycling site. This help for self-help is actually illegal, but has been tolerated by the authorities as the participants create new prospects for themselves and others.

Source: http://www.businessinsider.com/unemployed-italians-turn-to-2013-6

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Germany: Opting-out periods are to be expanded.

In the context of the ElektroG amendment communities are possibly allowed to choose opting-out periods of three years instead of currently one year. In return, the municipalities have now to commit 6 months before they execute the recycling themselves. In the view of RENE AG, this shall prevent that the municipalities' decisions are driven by financially speculations.

Source: Euwid online.

UK: How will the WEEE- recast be realized?

Does the disposal economy in Great Britain have a sceptical view of the strong changes in the current structure? A corresponding voting on a meeting of the English WEEECare seems to point to that.

Source: WEEECare

France: Initiatives to protect WEEE quantity flows.

In the context of a presentation, the French take-back system Eco-Systèmes has introduced four crucial strategies for the protection of WEEE quantity flows: regulatory frame conditions, legal prosecution, financial support of the municipalities and operative measures of the take-back systems. First strategy successes are already evident according to Eco-Systèmes.

Quelle: Eco-Systèmes

Italy: Fatti a mano.

The collection sites as actors of collection of WEEE products in Italy obviously have – in the view of punctual prospect of RENE AG and possibly depending from the North-South divide – a dregree of freedom which is remarkable in the European comparison. It is neither mandatory regulated in which container the collection has to be executed, nor does the

central data base allow a correct conclusion where the collection location can be found precisely! Reactivity from the collection site level is stress-less, enforcements by the authorities are rightly not expected anyway.

Source: RENE AG

Denmark: ERP refuses recycling from Bornholm.

The Danish branch of ERP complained to the responsible register (<u>www.dpa-system.dk</u>) about a further allocation of take back responsibilities on the island of Bornholm. Since Bornholm is not connected with a bridge to the Danish mainland, transportation costs are higher from there. ERP claims that the burden should be shared by all actors.

Source: RENE AG Denmark

Croatia: New EU- member from 1st July 2013.

On 1st July 2013, Croatia joins in the European Union as the 28th member. Obligated producers have to fulfil their registration, reporting and financing obligation.

Source: Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund

Spain: It depends on the public.

In the context of the World-Recycling-Day on 17th May 2013, the responsibility of the public in the properly recycling was emphasized.

Source: Boletín electrónico recyclia Mayo 2013, recyclia

Norway: Recycling rates published.

The Norwegian collective system has published a recycling rate of 93 % in the annual report of 2012.

Source: Elretur

Iceland: WEEE-legislation extended.

On the 1st September 2013 an extension of the Icelandic WEEE-legislation will come into force, which regulates the membership of producers in take-back systems.

Source: Compliance and Risks

Turkey: Access to the WEEE-register opened.

Producers, which are part of the Turkish WEEE-legislation, can now register themselves online. Further regulations are in preparation in the responsible ministry. RENE AG supports obligated producers together with the local RENE AG partner.

Source: Turkish Ministry for Environment, waste management department

Michigan: Register published.

The department of Environment Quality has published a list of the currently registered producers of electronic equipment and WEEE products according to the local WEEE-legislation.

Source: Compliance and Risks

Brazil: Local WEEE legislation will be realized.

Until September 2013 the definition of the responsibility as well as the establishing of measurable targets in the context on the recycling of WEEE equipment can be expected.

Source: WMW online

We wish all our readers a successful month!

Your RENE Team