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**WEEE News – June 2013.**

Dear readers,

the following topics have been prepared for you this month:

<b>Commodities:</b>	Continuous decrease in prices.
<b>Producer responsibility:</b>	Too good to be true.
<b>The Recycler's View:</b>	New perspectives – self made.
<b>From the countries:</b>	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 ([www.ikb.de](http://www.ikb.de)), reports from further decline in ore-, steel- and scrap prices. During the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 [www.rene-europe.com](http://www.rene-europe.com) 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 take-backs and recycling rates. In every case, the fines are higher than the received payoffs.

Quelle: [http://www.lrsconsultancy.com/news-and-events/news/29/Majority-of-B2B-WEEE-collections-are-not-reported-in-compliance-with-the-WEEE-Directive?goback=%2Egde\\_892387\\_member\\_244632783#.Ub7k4NzwCrd](http://www.lrsconsultancy.com/news-and-events/news/29/Majority-of-B2B-WEEE-collections-are-not-reported-in-compliance-with-the-WEEE-Directive?goback=%2Egde_892387_member_244632783#.Ub7k4NzwCrd)



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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 ([www.dpa-system.dk](http://www.dpa-system.dk)) 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 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013.**

On 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013, Croatia joins in the European Union as the 28<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> May 2013, the responsibility of the public in the properly recycling was emphasized.

Source: Boletín electrónico recyclicia Mayo 2013, recyclicia

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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**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