
WEEE News – May 2013.

Dear readers,

the following topics have been prepared for you this month:

Commodities:	Slight decrease in prices.
Producer responsibility:	WEEELABEX – much ado about nothing?
The Recycler's View:	Europe-wide recycling rates available online.
From the countries:	Germany, UK, France, Italy, Denmark, Switzerland, Czech Republic.

Commodities: Slight decrease in prices.

Our partner for raw material reports, the IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG (www.ikb.de), reports a decline in scrap prices during April 2013 as well as of falling steel prices in Europe by 1 % until 2 %. Until June a trend reversal for steel products will be expected.

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

Producer responsibility: WEEELABEX –much ado about nothing?

The welcoming WEEE forum's WEEELABEX-initiative seems to have the future as norm already behind them despite of opposite demands. In March 2013, Mr. Becker from RAL within the context of the Fraunhofer IPA- Expertenforum clarifies that the EN- norms will be worked out by CENELEC (although on the basis of the WEEELABEX's work) (Source: Dipl. Ing. Ch. Becker: "Normen/Standards für die Einsammlung, den Transport und die Behandlung von Altkühlgeräten", presentation slides).

The take-back organization SLRS informs in their annual report that the „Federal Environmental Agency (BAFU) will not accept the WEEELABEX standard as state-of-the-art in Switzerland.

Source: SLRS annual report 2012/ Stiftung Licht Recycling Schweiz SLRS, S. 3

The Recycler's View: Europe-wide recycling rates available online.

RENE AG finished the production of several recycling rates of 2012 according to article 7 of the WEEE directive and is going to publish the reports beginning of 24th May 2013 on the website. The figures are retrievable with the master login in www.myrenenet.com.

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Germany: ElektroG - recast delayed.

Obviously the management board of the Stiftung elektro-altgeräte-register © has been notified that the draft work of the ElektroG – Novelle will not be published before the Bundestag election in September. With that, the passing has been postponed into the new legislative period; the punctual realization to the 14th February 2014 seems to be questionable in the view of RENE AG.

Source: <http://www.welecon.de/index.php?id=37>

UK: Confusion on the settlement of the annual reports.

Until 30th April 2013, the annual settlement of the evidence notes led to vivacious trading activities between the take-back systems like every year. A new introduced round-up practice below one ton caused general confusion. It was not clear to the end whether the requirements of the Settlement Centre or of the EPA were to keep; the database, however, was different. In order to make sure to submit a so-called “Declaration of Compliance”, many systems “were chasing” evidence notes to a matter of one kilogram. The take-back systems helped each other pragmatically; however, not all enquiries could be fulfilled.

Source: RENE AG UK

France: Collected quantities rose by 15 %.

The French take-back system Eco-Sysèmes reports an increase in the collected quantities by 15 % for 2012. In this connection, RENE AG reminds about the active marketing of the take-back organization in 2012 (inter alia in the radio), about individual events and about the installation of a professional website to support the take-backs. The total volume is about 8 kg per capita.

Source: <http://www.francebtp.com/environnement/article/2013/04/03/84866/le-recyclage-des-deee-augmente-2012.php>

Italy: Allocation of the collection sites realized.

The Centro di Coordinamento RAEE has communicated this year’s new allocation of the collection sites to the take-back systems. The take-back systems are now requested until the middle of May to adapt their logistics and recycling structure. RENE AG has received an area in Calabria for recycling.

Source: Centro di Coordinamento RAEE, http://www.cdcaee.it/GetHome.pub_do

Denmark: B2C producers have to submit a “Management statement” in every case.

The Danish dpa-system reminds again about the submission of the management statement, which every B2C producer has to submit in every case.

The statement refers to the annual report of the previous year and can be downloaded with the individual Login of the dpa-sysm’s website. Below a turnover of one million DKK with B2C products, a responsible person of a company is allowed to sign directly; with a higher turnover, the annual report has to be confirmed by a producer’s auditor.

In case of questions, RENE AG and the dpa-system remain at your disposal. The submission will be due on 31st May 2013.

Switzerland: Increasing collected quantities.

The Stiftung Licht Recycling Schweiz SLRS informs in their annual report for 2012 about an increase in collected lighting equipment of 4,1 %.

Source: SLRS annual report 2012/ Stiftung Licht Recycling Schweiz SLRS, S.2 www.slrs.ch

Czech Republic: Collected quantities declined in 2012.

The Czech ASEKOL reports a collected quantity of 43148 tons for 2012 and thus a difference of 1600 tons compared with the previous year.

Source: ASEKOL: “Take-Back” Asekol Magazine 2013, page 4, www.asekol.cz

We wish all our readers a successful month!

Your RENE Team