

WEEE News – November 2013.

Dear readers,

the following topics have been prepared for you this month:

Commodities:	Starting hibernation?
Producer responsibility:	Requirements for authorised representative still unclear.
The Recycler's View:	What is not forbidden is allowed?
From the countries:	Germany, UK, Italy, the Netherlands, Luxembourg.

Commodities: Starting hibernation?

Thus the raw material report for October 2013 was headlined by our partner the IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG, (<u>www.ikb.de</u>). According to this the IKB expects lateral movements in the steel as well as scrap prices until the end of the year. However the scrap prices are expected to increase strongly in January at the latest.

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: Requirements for authorised representative still unclear.

In a survey carried out by RENE AG the most relevant organisations in the member countries confirmed that the requirements for the authorised representative in accordance with article 16 are still not defined.

Source: RENE AG

The Recycler's View: What is not forbidden is allowed?

In light of the scandal considering the illegal exports of cooling devices from the British Environcom to Ghana, the ethical question in the economic activity is on the agenda again. Formally Environcom seams to have acted correctly. The concerned containers were obviously stopped at the port of loading and arrived belatedly for this reason and therewith only after the export ban came into force in Africa. But doubtful is why the further "usage" of the waste equipment in Ghana was acceptable for the involved actors to date.

Source: <u>http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/nov/04/ghana-uk-environcom-illegal-fridge-imports</u>

From the countries: Germany, UK, Italy, the Netherlands, Luxembourg.

Germany: ear is supposed to become more expensive.

Provision and pick-up orders are supposed to become more expensive by approximately 18% from 2014 on. The German Ministry of the Environment obviously plans this in a draft for an amendment of the ElektroGKostV. The rise in prices reflects the decline in the number of pick-up orders down to prospected 55.000 in 2013. Background is the increasing opting out of the municipalities. The number of pick-up orders in 2013 is 17 % lower than in the year before.

Source: euwid online

UK: Decision for new WEEE law in November.

The UK Environment Agency (EPA) has informed RENE AG, that it can be expected a final decision on the new WEEE-regulations even in November. A direct registration of "small" producers is according to that probable. In this case the EPA will provide a declaration portal by the beginning of next year.

Source: UK Environment Agency

Italy: Collection of monitors.

Despite of the slightly declining total collected volume of waste electrical and electronic equipment in Italy the total collection volume in R3 (monitors and TVs) exceeds the put on the market volume in the same period. The reason for this is the much higher weight of the waste equipment in comparison to the weights of the new devices that have been put on the market.

Source: <u>www.cdcraee.it</u>

The Netherlands: The most of old devices are older than 8 years.

The Dutch Stichting Bruingoed has informed its members about the fact that only 3 % of the collected old devices have been put on the market after 2005. Accordingly it is expected that a balance will be paid out to the producer in 2014.

Source: Letter Stichting Bruingoed

Luxembourg: Reduction of category-subgroups from 1st January 2014.

The collective system Ecotrel reduces WEEE-subgroups from 1st January already:

The category "Small household appliances" contains among other thinks the previous vacuum cleaner, cooking appliances, healthcare equipment as well as hair-removal appliances for men and women.

"Consumer equipment and musical instruments" contains monitors, small IT, photocopiers, multifunctional office devices, loudspeaker, portable devices as well as audio equipment.

Source: <u>www.ecotrel.lu</u>

We wish all of our readers a good start into the winter!

Your RENE team