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**WEEE News – November 2013.**

Dear readers,

the following topics have been prepared for you this month:

<b>Commodities:</b>	Starting hibernation?
<b>Producer responsibility:</b>	Requirements for authorised representative still unclear.
<b>The Recycler's View:</b>	What is not forbidden is allowed?
<b>From the countries:</b>	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, ([www.ikb.de](http://www.ikb.de)). 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 [www.rene-europe.com](http://www.rene-europe.com) 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 seems 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: <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/nov/04/ghana-uk-environcom-illegal-fridge-imports>



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**Luxembourg:                      Reduction of category-subgroups from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014.**

The collective system Ecotrel reduces WEEE-subgroups from 1<sup>st</sup> January already:

The category „Small household appliances“ contains among other things 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: [www.ecotrel.lu](http://www.ecotrel.lu)

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

Your RENE team