
WEEE News – February 2014.

Dear readers,

the following topics have been prepared for you this month:

Commodities:	Forecast for 2014 confirmed.
Producer responsibility:	Transposition of the new WEEE Directive done. (?)
The Recycler's View:	Take-back and rate reports in the EU.
From the countries:	Germany, UK, France, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, Portugal.

Commodities: Forecast for 2014 confirmed.

Our partner, the IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG (www.ikb.de), confirms the forecast of a 5 % increase for scrap prices in the first quarter of 2014. The expectations for the world steel production are corrected upwards to 1.7 Billion tons.

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

Producer responsibility: Transposition of the new WEEE Directive done. (?)

The new Directive 2012/19/EU (WEEE-Recast or WEEE2) had to be transposed into each national law of the member states until 14th February 2014. This aim has been failed by the majority of the 28 EU-states. Indeed, there is a range of countries which has prepared a local WEEE-legislation and corresponding registration possibilities, though there still are practical questions which are still unanswered. Only Great Britain has realized the WEEE- Recast in time, completely and therefore fully workable for producers.

Source: RENE AG

The Recycler's View: Take-back and rate reports in the EU.

The reports of the take-back volumes and rates within the EU-member states have started. The first declarations will already be due at the end of February. Despite all differences in requests of the countries, all recycling sites should pay attention to be able to report according to article 7 of Directive 2002/96/EU or according to Annex V of Directive 2012/19/EU.

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Germany: Realization not until 2015?

Germany is in default with the realization of WEEE2. There is the talk of April 2015 as the start of the reviewed ElektroG. A draft version of the new ElektroG has been published on the 19th February 2014.

Source: RENE AG

UK: Evidence Trade abolished

The 2013 WEEE Regulations schedule individual collection targets per collective system and terminate the time in which the financing obligation has been calculated on the basis of the producers' market share. With that, the so-called "Settlement Centre" loses its function. For the expired year, take-back systems can still purchase Evidence Notes to prepare the corresponding Declaration of Compliance.

Source: Circular letter of Environment-Agency February 2014

France: New registration portal.

The French ADEME has launched a new registration portal that replaces the previous access. Simultaneously the former established mandate form expires. Mandates have now to be allocated online by the producer.

Source: ADEME

Italy: Return volumes continue to decrease.

The collection volumes in Italy have decreased in 2013 compared with 2012 by 5 %. The highest decline is recorded by the collection group of screens and TV with 10 %.

Source: Centro di Corrdinamento RAEE

Belgium: Recupel requests clients mandates.

During January, the Belgian collective system Recupel has contacted the members which received a mandate from their customer to report the sales volumes

Source: Recupel

The Netherlands: New register installed.

The Netherlands have installed a new online-register in regard to the realization of WEEE2. Therefore the former registration procedure is cancelled for all B2B clients. All producers, also the registered ones, have to register again in the new portal. The 2013 declaration can still be done in the previous way.

Source: Inspectie Leefomgeving en Transport

Portugal: Collection targets in 2012 (not) achieved.

Despite of the report of a decline in collection volumes by 28 % during 2013 and a result of only 3.8 kg collection volume per capita, the Portuguese government cherishes that they have fulfilled the EU-obligations.

Source: <http://www.weee-forum.org/news/ends-europe-daily-portugal-defends-weee-record-as-collection-slumps>

We wish all of our readers a successful month!

Your RENE Team