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**WEEE News – January 2014.**

Dear readers,

the following topics have been prepared for you this month:

<b>Commodities:</b>	Unbroken upward trend also in 2014.
<b>Producer responsibility:</b>	New Battery Directive came into force.
<b>The Recycler's View:</b>	Massive increase of volume is expected.
<b>From the countries:</b>	Deutschland, UK, Irland, Litauen, Mazedonien, Ukraine.

**Commodities: Unbroken upward trend also in 2014.**

Our partner, the IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG ([www.ikb.de](http://www.ikb.de)), confirms the forecast for a repeated record level of the global steel production in 2014. By the end of the year 1.66 billion tons are expected. In December 2013 the scrap prices declined. Nevertheless the IKB expects a plus of 5% during the first quarter.

**Producer responsibility: New Battery Directive came into force.**

Since 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013 the new Battery Directive 2013/56/EU, which amends the Directive 2006/66/EC, has come into force. Important for the producers is the usage ban of cadmium batteries even in cordless electric tools from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017. Batteries as well as accumulators still need to be removable from the appliances by end users or qualified persons. The producers have to enclose specific instructions to the appliances. Furthermore there is a registration obligation in all EU-countries.

Source:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2013:329:0005:0009:DE:PDF>

**The Recycler's View: Massive increase of volume is expected.**

The volume of waste electrical and electronic equipment is supposed to rise up to 65 million tons globally. The volume would then be about one third higher than in 2012. At present the USA with their per capita volumes are on the global top.

Source: euwid online

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**From the countries:** Germany, UK, Ireland, Lithuania, Macedonia, Ukraine.

**Germany:                    Transposition of WEEE2 in the coalition agreement.**

The coalition agreement intends a „rapid“ transposition of Directive 2012/19/EU. Furthermore it is planned to ensure a household-oriented recyclable material collection for packaging and other recyclable materials. With that, new discussions on the recycling bin for small household appliances are to be expected.

Source: <http://www.bundesregierung.de/Content/DE/Anlagen/2013/2013-12-17-koalitionsvertrag.pdf;jsessionid=BE497D1C82856636C08EB3B1A24DD068.s4t1?blob=publicationFile&v=2>

**UK:                                Register opened for small producer.**

Producers, who put less than 5 tons electrical and electronic equipment on the British market per year, can register themselves directly with the authority. The register is accessible on the NWPD-website and follows the functioning of the battery register. The producers, who have no entity in Great Britain, still have to name a registered representative. Producers from outside the EU are relegated to a scheme as before.

Source: RENE AG UK

**Ireland:                        New registration portal.**

The WEEE Register Society is introducing a new register portal in connection with the transposition of the WEEE Recast. The portal will be operative from mid-February also for new registrations.

Source: WEEE Register Society Ltd.

**Lithuania:                    Authorized representative is not accepted.**

According to a statement from a compliance scheme in Lithuania, it is still not possible to name an authorized representative for the registration as well as the assumption of the obligations.

Source: RENE AG

**Macedonia:                    WEEE legislation came into force.**

Macedonia confirms the registration obligation for producers in spite of the missing transposition of the respective regulations.

Source: B2BWEEE

**Ukraine: WEEE-resolution in Parliament.**

For spring 2014 a resolution in the Ukrainian parliament is expected to implement a WEEE regulation. According to this the producer obligation is supposed to take affect from 2018 on.

Source: B2BWEEE

We wish all of our readers a successful month!

Your RENE Team