
WEEE News – Juli 2014.

Dear readers,

the following topics have been prepared for you this month:

Commodities:	Steel production and prices still increasing.
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Commodities: Steel production and prices still increasing.

Our partner IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG, (www.ikb.de) announces a further increase in the global steel production as regularly forecasted. The development is unbroken also in the third quarter. A rise in prices by up to 3.5% for steel products and 5% for scrap is expected.

For the entire IKB report please contact helmut.minor@rene-europe.com.

Producer responsibility: Declaration in 54 subcategories?

The new WEEE regulation indicates as alternative collection target a rate of 85% of the total WEEE arising in a member state. For the calculation of this figure there still is no consistent methodology. In the study „EU WEEE Article 7 Project“ the United Nations University has suggested a methodology that requires 54 subcategories (so called UNU-Keys). The representatives of EWRN (European WEEE Registers Network) disagree to this methodology and recommend keeping the system as simple as possible to reduce the administrative effort of WEEE2 and not to increase it.

Source: Stiftung elektro-altgeräte-register ®: ear insight News 03/ 2014, S. 1.

The Recycler's View: 10 years Recycling Network Europe

In spring 2004 WEEE recyclers from Denmark, Germany, Great Britain, Italy and Austria set up the Recycling Network Europe. In the presence of Fujitsu Siemens first concepts of a centralised and Europe-wide return infrastructure for waste electrical and electronic equipment were discussed in Stuttgart. This was followed by regular reunions in the major European cities that were also attended by partners from the US. The independent RENE AG, resulting from this international initiative, provides 10 years later a global network of ISO 14001 certified WEEE recycling contract partners with waste equipment from at least 18 countries per year. Approximately 350 clients from California through Europe to Australia entrust their WEEE, battery and packaging registrations, sales declarations, invoice verification as well as take-backs of waste equipment to the integrated service provider RENE AG.

From the countries: Germany, UK, France, Italy

Germany: Bags and school satchels are small household appliances.

According to the judgement of the Administrative Court in Ansbach (AN 11 K 09.00812) bags and school satchels that are equipped with permanently installed illuminants fall in the scope of ElektroG and need to be declared in the subcategory “small household appliances for use in private households”.

Source: Stiftung elektro-altgeräte-register®: ear insight/ news 03/2014, 1st July 2014, page1.

UK: New centralised database.

The British Environment Agency (EA) has started a project under the title ‘Producer Responsibility & Shipments Database’ to centralise the database and online data transfer. With this the usual transfer of registrations and sales volumes using the xml-file is to be replaced. Currently the project is in phase 1 in which the functionalities of the WEEE IT, the settlement centre as well as the National Packaging Waste Database are to be consolidated until the end of the year.

Source: Circular letter from UK Environment Agency of 28th July 2014

France: Survey among producers of professional equipment.

Due to repeated feedbacks from our clients, we would like to call your attention to a survey of the French collective system Recylum. Recylum directly contacted producers of professional electrical and electronic equipment and requested a feedback on the respective take-back systems within 10 days. With regard to the background of the letter, we are happy to consult you. In case you interested, please contact helmut.minor@rene-europe.com.

Source: Circular letter from Recylum of 20th June 2014

Italy: Collection volume of monitors higher than sales volume.

In Italy it is expected also for 2014 that the collection volume of monitors will be well above the sales volume, even if the collections probably be slightly below the previous year level.

Source: RENE AG Italia, Centro di Coordinamento RAEE

We wish all our readers a pleasant summer!

Your RENE team