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**WEEE News – November 2014.**

Dear readers,

the following topics have been prepared for you this month:

<b>Commodities:</b>	Overall weaker.
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**Commodities: Overall weaker.**

For the first three quarters the IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG ([www.ikb.de](http://www.ikb.de)) reports an increase of 2% in the worldwide steel production, within the EU even 3%. However, the scrap prices slipped, the prices for ore were weak. In September, the world steel prices fell by 3.5%. Nevertheless, the IKB is predicting a slight increase in prices towards the end of the year, at least for flat products. The scrap prices should reduce slightly. The complete IKB report is at your disposal on request to [helmut.minor@rene-europe.com](mailto:helmut.minor@rene-europe.com).

**Producer Responsibility: EU member states have to improve.**

According to a report from the agency BIO Intelligent Service the EU commission demands improvements in producer responsibility as well as in the transparency of waste management from the member states of the EU.

Source: <http://www.eu-koordination.de/umweltnews/news/abfall/2886-mehr-herstellerverantwortung-bei-eu-abfallentsorgung-gefordert>

**The Recycler's View: Copper recovery project at bifa Environment Institute.**

The combined exploitation of composite packaging and residual currents from the metal processing containing copper, which was previously recycled separately, in a large-scale plant is the content of a longer-term project run by the bifa Environment Institute. The goal is to improve the copper recovery economically and ecologically. Now this project steps from the lab phase to pilot scale and has a term till the end of September 2015.

Source: bifa Environment Institute, "aktuell 3.2014", [www.bifa.de](http://www.bifa.de)

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**Germany: Increase of municipal pick-up orders in collection group 4?**

Some producers of EEE which fall under B2C collection group 4 (lighting equipment) might recently have been wondering about a sudden increase of pick-up orders. According to the German Register stiftung elektro-altgeräte-register © this is caused for one by an increase of individual take backs just as well as the bankruptcy of a category 5 recycling company in West Germany. The latter evaluation is also shared by other actors in the recycling industry.

Source: Own research of RENE AG, feedback from German register Stiftung elektro-altgeräte-register ©

**UK: Fees for not achieving of goals and “Dual Use”.**

In follow up to a decision of the BIS the UK Environment Agency (UK EA) communicated that as of 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014 the sales quantity is no longer to be applied as criteria of classification but the potential use of a device as B2C.

Source: Circular letter of the UK EA from 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014

**France: CWIT guest at Interpol.**

The team of the project “Countering WEEE Illegal Trade” (CWIT), that has set itself the goal to help reducing the 6 million tons of “leakage” of WEEE per year, visited Interpol in Lyon on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October. Here it was reported about the first year which stood in the sign of the elevation of the present situation and above all of gaps in the system. In the coming year recommendations for improvement shall be compiled.

Source: [http:// www.weee-forum.org/news/towards-a-better-understanding-of-the-illicit-trade-in-electronic-waste](http://www.weee-forum.org/news/towards-a-better-understanding-of-the-illicit-trade-in-electronic-waste)

**Italy: Pay attention to correct filling of the forms.**

Italian producers who manage their own take-backs have to make sure that the data given on the Formulari di Identificazione Rifiuto (FIR) is correct. The premise is not necessarily the producer of waste but the producer of the devices. The FIR has to clearly show that.

Source: RENE AG Italia  
<http://www.cdcaee.it/GetPage.pubdo?id=402882a12ed6e4ea012ed8cece300951>

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**Denmark: Requirements for the authorised representative still open.**

Regarding the requirements for the authorised representative as per Article 17 of the WEEE Directive 2012/19/EU, the Danish dpa-system expects a clarification from the environment protection authority EPA. With regard to the present regulations, collective systems based in Denmark can also become authorised representatives for producers that do distance selling. However, in view of the liability consequences it can be necessary to require a further cvr-number used only for activities under Article 17. The companies and systems registered with the dpa-system will receive a corresponding newsletter in English and Danish language as soon as this clarification is made.

Source: dpa-System, [www.dpa-system.dk](http://www.dpa-system.dk)

**Finnland: Article 17 of WEEE 2 requires contractual amendments.**

The Finnish collective system Elker Oy has informed its members from other countries that from now on the direct membership of the collective systems ICT and SELT will be processed by the authorised representative Elker Ltd. The transfer of the agreements previously made require additional documents. Should the manufacturer disagree, an active refusal is required.

Source: Circular Letter Elker Oy from 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014

**Netherlands: Own take-backs can be reported online.**

On request of RENE AG the Dutch registry has confirmed that own take-backs in the B2B sector can be reported back online. Therefore the previous report in paper form has served its time.

Source: [www.nationaalweeeregister.nl](http://www.nationaalweeeregister.nl)

We wish our readers a successful month!  
Your RENE Team