
WEEE News – September 2014.

Dear readers,

the following topics have been prepared for you this month:

Commodities:	Is it really going uphill?
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From the countries:	Germany, UK, France, Italy, Denmark.

Commodities: Is it really going uphill?

Our partner IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG, (www.ikb.de) announces a further increase of 2,5% in the global steel production as regularly forecasted. For scrap the IKB predicts a "further price increase of € 10,00 per ton". The full IKB report is available on request to helmut.minor@rene-europe.com. However, the recycling partners from Rene AG report about high pressure regarding the prices for raw materials. This assessment fits the latest reports about insolvencies and acquisitions, e.g. on the German market. The companies concerned therefore have gotten into difficulties due to unfavourable price development. .

Producer responsibility: Caution with Scope?

The implementation of the new WEEE directive 2012/19/EU requires from the producer to check if their assessment, not to be included in the scope, is still correct. This applies in particular to actual or seemingly so called "fixed installations". For further information regarding the classification go and see the meanwhile adopted FAQ from the EU commission.

Source: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/weee/index_en.htm

The Recycler's View: Logistics not only an add-on

In the processing of B2B orders in office environments logistics are getting more and more complicated. Due to cost pressure the number of foreign drivers is increasing which makes it hard to communicate. This makes the assessment of special requirements already difficult at the pick up place but also certain basic requirements regarding the transport. Furthermore, container services are less flexible in supporting smaller special projects. Both leads to the consequence of increasing prices concerning B2B pick up.

Source: www.recycle-it.de

From the countries: Germany, UK, France, Italy, Denmark

Germany: Changed guarantee calculation elements and life span

The German WEEE register “Stiftung elektro-altgeräte-register” has partly changed the foreseeable recycling costs and the response rate. The new values apply as of 1st January 2015. The average life spans also have been adjusted, valid from 1st January 2015.

Source: www.stiftung-ear.de.

UK: Introduction of Standardized Compliance Fee?

The “Environment Exchange” has started a survey to the introduction of a new Compliance Fee for the trade with Evidence Notes. The schemes were required to give feedback by 12th September. The organisation of such a fee would duplicate the existing function of the Settlement Centre and would regulate the free prize competition for Evidence Notes.

Source: Circular letter from Environment Exchange from 22nd August 2014

France: Producers of PV-modules included in WEEE2

On 22nd August 2014 the Decree 2014-928 was introduced in the Official Journal in France. Accordingly, from 23rd August 2014 the producers of PV-modules established in France are responsible for financing the redemption and re-utilisation of their products.

Source: <http://www.solarserver.de/solar-magazin/nachrichten/aktuelles/2014/kw35/frankreich-fuehrt-recycling-pflicht-fuer-photovoltaik-module-ein.html>

Italy: WEEE2 implementation tangible in trade

The Italian retailers having a sales space of more than 400qm clearly pay attention to correct information regarding possibilities for customers to return electrical and electronic equipment without buying a new product. However, the specific requirements for collection infrastructure in retail are still unclear.

Source: RENE AG Italia

Denmark: Pay as you scrap – no costs for Danish clients of RENE AG in 2014/2015.

The clients of the Danish collective system of the RENE AG will not have any costs for returns between October 2014 and October 2015. The collection rates of the RENE AG have been exceeded last year so that there are no take-back obligations for the coming compliance period. RENE AG does not charge per sold product but only for really recycled quantities. This approach in connection with the cost transparency of each order leads to an economically particularly interesting result for the producers.



Source: Rene AG Denmark

We wish our readers a good start into this autumn!

Your RENE team