

WEEE News – March 2018.

Dear readers,

the following topics have been prepared for you this month:

| | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Commodities: | World steel production continues to increase. |
| Producer Responsibility: | Marking of products as per the WEEE Directive. |
| The Recycler's View: | Information for treatment facilities. |
| From the countries: | Germany, France, UK, Austria, Italy, Poland, Spain, Canada |

Commodities: World steel production continues to increase

The IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG (www.ikb.de) reports a 1% increase of the world steel production in January 2018, whereas the steel production in North America declined, however, 1.4% was achieved in Europe. Turkey increased the production by 7.6%. Simultaneously, Turkish buyers demanded price concessions of up to US\$ 30 per tonne. Overall, the prices for scrap fell up to € 20 per tonne in February, depending on variety and region. For the month of March the IKB is expecting further increase in demand as well as rising prices.

As usual, the complete IKB-Report is at your disposal on our homepage.

Source: IKB-Information Commodity prices, March 2018, page 2

Producer Responsibility: Marking of products as per the WEEE Directive

Producers who are affected by the WEEE Directive, have to mark their devices as per the article 14 or 15. Products for end consumers (private households) are to be marked with the crossed-out wheellie bin. It is preferred to apply the European standard EN 50419 for this purpose. The information that the product was put on the market after 13th August 2005 must also be visible on the product. This is shown with a bar under the crossed out garbage tonne.

Producers have to ensure that new products in the portfolio placed on the market also have to be labelled accordingly. The introduction of promotional products can also lead to producer responsibility.

Sources: RENE AG

The Recycler's View: Information for treatment facilities

The organisations Digital Europe, Ceced and the WEEE Forum have launched an online portal where the required information for treatment facilities as per Article 15 of the WEEE Directive is provided to the recycling companies: <http://www.i4r-platform.eu>

Source:

<http://weee-forum.org/news/european-industry-launches-new-online-platform-on-how-to-best-recycle-electronic-waste>

Though, ever since the WEEE-Directive is in force, no one in the worldwide network of RENE AG has required this information. On international meetings of RENE AG with recycling partners the common view was “producers can produce, recycler can recycle”. However, the initiative is welcome.

Source: Recycling Network Europe, RENE AG

From the countries: Germany, France, UK, Austria, Italy, Poland, Spain, Canada

Germany: Circular reminder from Federal Environment Agency

The Federal Environment Agency has sent a large number of hearing forms for violation of the notifications obligations, in particular with regard to missing annual statistics for 2016. In the view of RENE AG, the extent of the action appears to be unusual and allows to conclude that the control mechanisms on part of the authority towards the producers will be systematized.

Source: Letter Federal Environment Agency Germany, March 2018

France: New publication to WEEE2

The French Ministry of Environment has published a new overview of the WEEE2 regulation on 15th March 2018, where the goals and demands for manufacturers and distributors are explained.

Source:

<https://www.ecologique-solidaire.gouv.fr/dechets-dequipements-electriques-et-electroniques>

UK: Turnover are queried as part of the re-registration

Based on the new fee structures of the UK Environment Agency (RENE AG reported) the authority now requests the turnover as part of the confirmation of registration for the following year. This number determines the height of variable fee components and is therefore mandatory. The Environment Agency recommends the indication of charge band A, if the turnover is not to be given. However, this volume has the highest fees.

Source: Circular letter from UK Environment Agency from 1st February 2018, RENE AG PCS

<http://www.rene-europe.com/ruecknahmesysteme/rene-ruecknahmesystem-in-uk/>

Austria: Different implementation of WEEE2

Unlike Germany, Austria sticks to the FAQ published by the European Commission when implementing WEEE2 (<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/weee/pdf/faq.pdf>). According to that cables are explicitly part of the scope of the WEEE Directive 2012/19/EU (FAQ-Document, page 8, point 3.8). Here, Germany differentiates as per the product definition of the WEEE Directive and excludes simple cables. In contrast, cables in Austria will be covered by the EAG-VO from August 2018, provided that they are sold as single device/part (see Federal Ministry of Sustainability and Tourism: EAG equipment list 2018, page 15).

Source: RENE AG

Italy: Tasks during the transitional period

In Italy, the Register for WEEE (<https://www.registroaee.it/>) is expected to be available by 1st July 2018 for the registration of the new equipment categories. By 31st March 2018 the collective schemes need feedback concerning new products which will become liable to registration due to the open scope. On 30th April the regular deadline for the sales volume data reports for the previous year ends. On 30th September the complete sales volume data has to be reported once again in the format of the new categories.

Source: Interview from RENE AG with Consorzio APIRAEE (www.apiraee.it/) on 9th March

Poland: Waste register begins work

Already on 24th January 2018, the new waste register (BDO) has been installed in Poland and has replaced the GIOS Register, previously responsible for WEEE and batteries. BDO covers WEEE, batteries and packaging as well as end-of-life cars, used oil and scrap tires. In the course of February, questionnaires have been sent to registered companies and data due to the producer obligations was (subsequently) collected. It is to be hoped that this dynamic of the new register is sustainable and we wish the colleagues there a lot of success.

Spain: Implementation of WEEE2 in seven categories

In Spain, the six new categories of WEEE2 are covered in seven categories since the PV modules will be in a separate category.

Source: Feedback from Recyclia to RENE AG on 15th March 2018



Canada/Saskatchewan: Extended product list from 1st May 2018

From 1st May 2018, the following products are in scope of the WEEE regulation in Saskatchewan: micro-waves, desktop scanner, portable scanner, printer, external data carriers and modems, game consoles, E-book reader and portable GPS, vehicle GPS (Aftermarket).

Source: Circular letter from EPRA on 2nd March 2018, www.saskatchewan.ca

We wish our readers a successful month!

Your RENE team