

## **WEEE Batteries Packaging News – April 2020.**

Dear readers,

the following topics have been prepared for you this month:

<b>Producer Responsibility:</b>	Sales volume reports partially postponed.
<b>The Recycler's View:</b>	Corona dries out business.
<b>From the countries:</b>	Belgium, Finland, Romania, Canada, Singapore.

### **Producer Responsibility: Sales volume reports partially postponed.**

Only some weeks ago most of the authorities and schemes have reacted with reluctance to the inquiry from RENE AG regarding corona-based delays in sales volume reporting. In the meanwhile, however, there are signs of flexibility. The German WEEE register Stiftung elektro-altgeräte-register (ear) has communicated that any delays of the annual report will not be appointed to the Environment Authority for prosecution, as long as the report is executed until the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020.

Source: <https://www.stiftung-ear.de/de/startseite/sammlung-news-startseite/corona-auswirkungen-auf-die-jahres-statistik-mitteilung>

### **The Recycler's View: Corona dries out business.**

The restrictions from governmental authorities effect also the flow of material to recycling plants. In Germany a large number of municipal collection sites are closed and thus the WEEE stream is stopped. Also in the B2B segment, returns are on an all-time low level. Recycling companies therefore have to generate their output from existing (and limited) stock.  
Source: RENE AG

### **From the countries:**

#### **Bebat: Postponement of payment.**

With regard to the financial impact of the Corona crisis upon companies, the batteries collective scheme bebat has voluntarily postponed all payments from participants. Furthermore, bebat will not raise interests on late payment or reminder costs. These measures will be maintained until the governmental measures regarding closures are in place.

In parallel, bebat is asking all participants to proceed with the regular sales volume reporting.  
Source: bebat e-mail communication to participants, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020

**Finland: Recser Oy is approved for industrial batteries.**

The batteries collective scheme Recser Oy has received the approval to cover producer responsibility tasks for industrial batteries. Recser Oy now covers portable just as well as automotive and industrial batteries.

Source: Recser Oy Producer Newsletter from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020

**Romania: Suspension of minimum financial contribution.**

The Romanian collective scheme Ecotic will suspend the financial contribution for minimum fees starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 for the duration of the corona crisis.

Source: Ecotic producer mail from the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020

**Canada: New rules and regulations in Nova Scotia and Ontario.**

Since the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020, Nova Scotia has implemented a wider scope for electrical and electronic products. The new list is accessible over the EPRA portal. Ontario has now published the new batteries legislation which will come into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020. The text of the legislation is accessible on the website of the Ministry for Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Source: EPRA Steward Services Update, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020

**Singapore: Resource Sustainability Act 2019.**

The National Environment Agency has reminded that producers, importers and introducers of electrical and electronic equipment, batteries and packaging have to be registered since the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020. From 2021 onwards, reporting and recycling obligations have to be fulfilled. The scope for electrical and electronic products spans from ITC, over large equipment and lamps to solar panels.

Source: National Environment Agency, Singapore

We wish our readers foremost a healthy month!

Your RENE team