

## WEEE Batteries Packaging News – March 2020.

Dear readers,

the following topics have been prepared for you this month:

**Producer Responsibility:** New German Batteries legislation.

**The Recycler's View:** WEEE recovery rates.

**From the countries:** UK.

### **Producer Responsibility: New German Batteries legislation.**

The amendment of Directive 2008/98/EC has increased the requirements towards the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) principle. This has an impact also on the German batteries regulation (BattG). A draft version of a new legislation is available for comments. In the course of the new regulation, the German WEEE register Stiftung elektro-altgeräte-register (ear) will receive new responsibilities for registration and reporting of battery producers. The core of the new legislation, however, is the installation of a competitive collective scheme setup for batteries. Source: Umweltbundesamt

### **The Recycler's View: WEEE recovery rate reporting.**

As in every year, the producers are currently asked to report their WEEE recovery rates to the authorities in some EU member states. Unfortunately, this reporting obligation is done by the recycling companies or collective schemes in most countries within the EU and outside (Norway, UK, Switzerland). According to RENE AG this may lead to a lack of focus of the producers to the recyclability of the products and leaves the pressure to meeting the targets of Article 11, Annex V of the WEEE Directive 2012/19/EU mainly to the treatment companies.

### **From the countries:**

**UK: Brexit impact.**

Since the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020, the UK are no longer part of the European Union. According to the feedback from the UK Environment Agency to RENE AG on the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020, no amendments of the regulations upon WEEE, batteries and packaging are planned prior to the end of the year 2020. Further plans are not established yet.

We wish our readers a successful month!

Your RENE team