

WEEE Batteries Packaging News – May 2020.

Dear readers,

the following topics have been prepared for you this month:

Producer Responsibility: Enforcement of take back obligation for online retailers.

The Recycler's View: Decreasing WEEE collections.

From the countries: UK, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium, Estonia.

Producer Responsibility: Enforcement of take back obligation for online retailers.

The German NGO Deutsche Umwelthilfe has achieved successful court cases against known online-retailers. The courts of Dresden and Ingolstadt have confirmed the obligation for online retailers to actively inform consumers about the take back opportunities and, moreover to provide drop-off points within a reasonable distance to the consumers' locations.

Source: <https://www.duh.de/presse/pressemitteilungen/pressemitteilung/deutsche-umwelthilfe-erzielt-wichtigen-erfolg-fuer-den-verbraucherschutz-onlinehaendler-muessen-elektr/>

The Recycler's View: Decreasing WEEE collections.

Due to the limitations within the industrial sector, B2B collection volumes in Germany have dropped by 50 to 70 percent throughout the month of April. We have mentioned the decrease of municipal collections due to the closure collection sites in our last newsletter. The collection is actually down to a mere 20 % of the regular volume. It is to be expected that the economic pressure on market actors is leading to a further market concentration in the mid term.

Source: bvse/ Recyclingportal from the 28th April 2020

From the countries:

UK: Market observation despite Corona virus.

The UK Environment Agency has communicated on the 20th April 2020 that despite of the Corona virus restrictions, it is going to continue carrying out regulatory visits to sites that could cause serious environmental harm. The actual approach for the individual site depends on the limitations. Alternative approaches are taken into consideration.

Source: UK Environment Agency, Letter to Stakeholders from the 20th April 2020.

Italy: Extension of reporting deadline.

Due to the Corona restrictions, the following reports are extended up to the 30th June 2020:

- MUD declaration
- Sales volume report for WEEE and batteries
- Recycling rate report for WEEE and batteries.

Source: Chamber of Commerce Bolzano, Mailing from the 29th April 2020

Netherlands: Extended reporting deadline for batteries.

The Dutch batteries collective scheme STIBAT had allowed corrections to the 2019 reports of batteries until the 1st May 2020.

Source: STIBAT, Communication from the 22nd April 2020.

Belgium: USB sticks not with Recupel.

The Belgium collective organisation Recupel has confirmed that USB sticks do not need to be reported into their scheme.

Source: Recupel, Team Declarations, 22nd April 2020

Estonia: New threshold agreement.

Since the 1st January 2020, The collective scheme MTÜ EEesti Elektroonikaromu has ceased to invoice recycling contribution fees below an annual volume of 10 Euro per producer. At the same time, the participants were offered a possibility to change the reporting frequency to annual. RENE AG will accompany the customers for this change.

Source. MTÜ EEesti Elektroonikaromu, Mailing from the 21st April 2020.

We wish our readers foremost a healthy month!

Your RENE team