

WEEE - Batteries - Packaging - News - May 2022.

Dear readers,

the following topics have been prepared for you this month:

- VerpackG:** packaging register LUCID
- From the countries:** France, Italy, Swiss, UK
- In own matter:** the essential duties by the ElektroG3

VerpackG packaging register LUCID

From July 1st 2022 in Germany the obligation for registration in the packaging register LUCID comes valid for every kind of packaging. After this deadline it's not allowed anymore to bring packed goods on the market, if the producer hasn't fulfilled this duty.

The registration process for transport packaging and commercial sales packaging starts.

Starting by May 5th 2022 the packaging not being subject of system participation can get registered.

In this matter the „Zentrale Stelle Verpackungsregister“ (ZSVR) takes over the task to register and publish the persons who are responsible for their products. Further tasks like reporting get into focus for transparency and legal clarity.

Further ecological goals are guarded by the ZSVR, like fulfillment of the recycling quotes or financial support of environmental friendly packaging (learn more: www.verpackungsregister.org)

Another interesting detail comes to life through the practical use:

From June 2022 the registration with LUCID can be checked automatically.

The registration is legal obligation for the marketplaces from June 1st 2022. They have to control, if the online-trader or -seller, who are offering goods on their platform, fulfilled the obligation of registration and participation in a system. In case they didn't take care of these legal obligation, the marketplaces have to prohibit the sellers to trade with goods anymore.

Source: Stiftung Zentrale Stelle Verpackungsregister- May 2022

From the countries: France, Italy, Swiss, UK

France: deadline extension for the labeling requirement for packaging

The deadline for the labeling-implementation of packaging in France is still Dezember 15th 2022.

The transition period for the labeling for all those packaging, which are produced or imported before November 11th 2022, is extended, from March 3rd 2022 to June 15th 2023!

Source: RENE AG – Meldemanagement – April 2022

Italy: Packaging – Environmental labeling requirement exposed again

It seems that there are problems in Italy due to the implementation of the environmental labeling requirement for packaging.

At the moment the requirement-obligation for packaging was exposed again.

Next planned deadline ist Dezember 31st 2022.

Further on it is allowed to market not conform packaging until end of present stock, if they have been already put onto the market or have already been marked by January 1st 2022.

Source: RENE Italia – April 2022

Swiss: VREG/ electric labeling requirement „crossed out garbage can“ since January 2022

It's legal obligation for the producers and distributors of electrical equipment from January 2022 on to mark their products with the crossed out wheelie bin. The crossed out wheelie bin indicates that the product should not be discarded as unsorted waste.

Due to the conference of the Swiss Federal Council from Oktober 2021 the changes were approved in the VREG (Verordnung über die Rückgabe, Rücknahme und die Entsorgung elektrischer und elektronischer Geräte – regulation of returning and the disposal of electric and electrical devices).

This revision came into effect with date of January 1st 2022.

The technical enforcement aid of the federal office for environmental belongings (BAFU) is still pending. Eventually there will be a revision of the financing system for the disposal of old electrical devices.

New in this matter is the explicit detailed legal obligation of labeling- and informing for the producers.

It's the obligation for the producers and distributors to label their electrical devices with the crossed out wheelie bin.

This results in another interesting detail:

The crossed out wheelie bin is pictured in the Swiss law **without** the bar below!

It is assumed that in practical use the producers are allowed to use the common labeling of the crossed out wheelie bin **with** the bar below.

Source: RENE – Registrierungsmanagement – April 2022

UK: From April 2022: Plastic Packaging Tax

As soon as the threshold of 10 tons importing or manufacturing plastic packaging has been met, the appropriate company needs to register for plastic packaging and pay taxes accordingly.

The exact wording is: „... if you've manufactured or imported 10 or more tonnes of finished plastic packaging components within the last 12 months, or will do so in the next 30 days...“.

However, between 1st April 2022 and 30th March 2023, the 12 month limit will create a transition period.

The obligation of registrations starts on 1st April 2022.

The tax will be levied on plastic packaging, if the used plastic contains less than 30% recycled plastic material.

The tax is £200 per ton plastic packaging.

Source: www.gov.uk – February 2022

In own matter: The main obligations as of ElektroG3 – short and terse

RENE AG has repeatedly been asked in the last few weeks for a short and clear summary of the changes made by the first Act to amend the Electrical and Electronic Equipment Law (ElektroG3). We share this summary with interested readers of this Newsletter in form of our One Pager „New producer responsibilities under Germany's ElektroG3“.

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