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Latest News

Consultation on open scope and new category reporting for EEE/WEEE

In January 2019, the UK WEEE Regulations, in order to comply with the Recast WEEE Directive, introduce new reporting categories for EEE and WEEE, reducing the current 14 categories down to 6.

The UK Government's consultation on how these changes should be implemented is due to be launched this week.

We will be hosting a special webinar to discuss the proposals in the consultation with Graeme Vickery, Senior Policy Advisor for WEEE at Defra. The webinar will take place at 12 pm on Tuesday 14th November and we will send out invitations shortly.

Many of you responded to the questionnaire that was sent out in April and we hope you will be able to take part in this webinar, which will provide an excellent opportunity to discuss these issues further.



Draft regulation establishing a harmonised WEEE registration and reporting process

In September, ERP responded to the European Commission's Draft Regulation establishing a harmonised WEEE registration and reporting process.

Our pan-European presence gives us a unique overview of best practice and areas that could be improved in the national implementation of WEEE provisions.

ERP welcomes harmonization as this would make it easier for members to comply across EU member states. Please do get in touch with us for further information.

The Green Alley Award

ERP's parent company, Landbell Group, launched the Green Alley Award in 2013 to promote start-ups in the environmental and recycling industries.

More than 200 entries were received from 43 countries for this year's award, a response which confirms the trend of recent years: more and more entrepreneurs are interested in the potential of the circular economy.

Our jury of experts is currently reviewing the applications and, by mid-October, will select the best ideas and business models for the final live pitch in Berlin on 9 November.

The winner of the 2017 Green Alley Award will receive a prize of cash and non-cash benefits worth up to 30,000 euros. The award also provides valuable access to expertise as well as the opportunity to tap Green Alley's experience and contacts – which will help the winner to successfully start or develop their business.

Visit the Green Alley Award [website](#) for more information.



Environmental Compliance Report by Landbell Group

To stay up-to-date with all the latest news from Landbell Group, please subscribe to the Environmental Compliance Report [here](#).

10 Years of WEEE in the UK

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The 10th anniversary of the Apple iPhone is not the only significant milestone in the electronics industry this year!

Our new report looks at a decade of continual evolution since the WEEE Regulations were first introduced in the UK. We reflect on the achievements to date, plus key challenges and developments ahead.

Read the report [here](#).

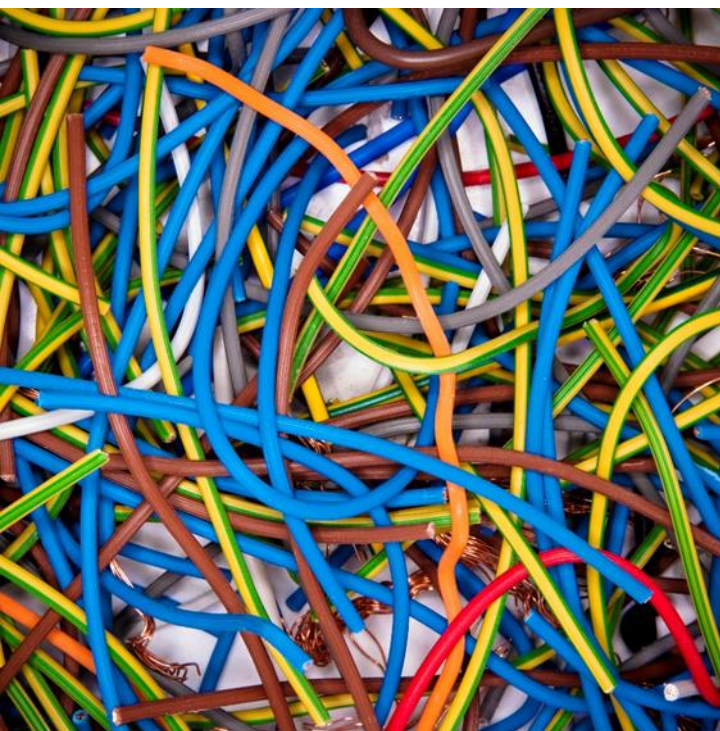


New Website for ERP UK

We have a new website where we will showcase all our latest projects and news.

Please take a look and let us know what you think:

www.erp-recycling.org/uk/



Update on Critical Raw Material Recovery Project

ERP UK is a partner on the CRM Recovery Project which is trialling innovative new methods for collecting and reprocessing e-waste with the aim of increasing recovery of target CRMs. The trials are well underway with all collection activities due for completion. More information can be found [here](#).

Here is a summary of two of the trials based in the UK:

The University of the West of Scotland, supported by Enscape, are looking at ways to extract cobalt, gold and silver from circuit boards. Combining separation chemistry, microbial bioleaching and the use of an innovative electrochemical cell, the team are generating results to understand the optimum conditions and methods for CRM extraction. Find out more [here](#).

In-store collections of unwanted devices have been taking place at Dixons Carphone and John Lewis stores where data on reusable items is wiped for free. The reusable items are then sent on for sale in British Heart Foundation stores.

Non-reusable devices are now being dismantled at Axion where the recovery trials are ready to begin.



Electrical & Electronic Equipment & the Environment Conference

As one of the endorsers of this conference which takes place on 1-2 November 2017 at the Hilton London Heathrow Airport hotel, we can offer a 20% discount on the standard conference price if you mention ERP when you book. More details on the conference can be found [here](#).

WEEE & Batteries: Member News

2018 Producer Compliance Registrations Underway

We have begun the process of getting your 2018 compliance registrations ready for the new compliance period. We will have all battery producers registered by the end of October and all WEEE producers registered by the end of November.

As part of this process, all members have been contacted and will be required to complete a confirmation of company registration details.



Your company registration details

Please can we ask every member to review those details, update where necessary and obtain the correct sign off. If your information is not correct, this could delay your registration.

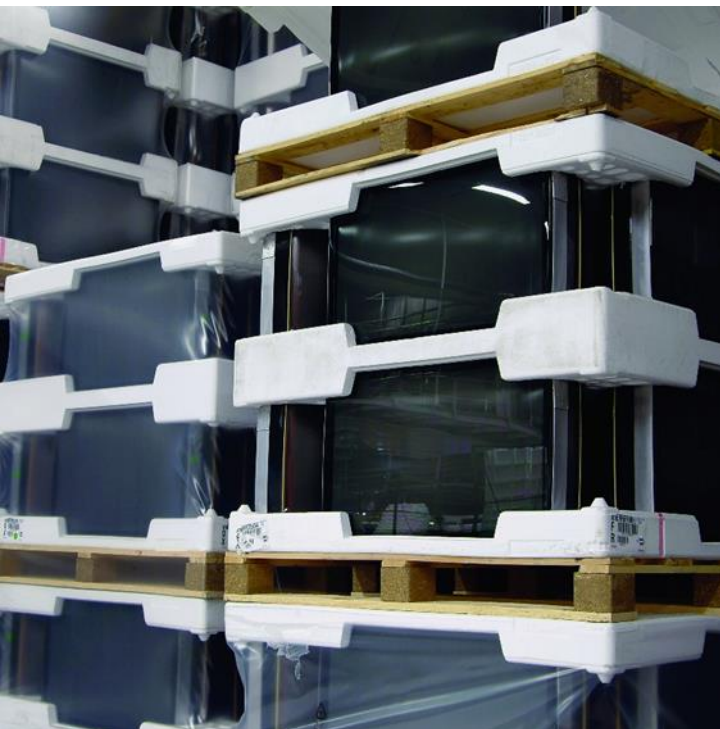
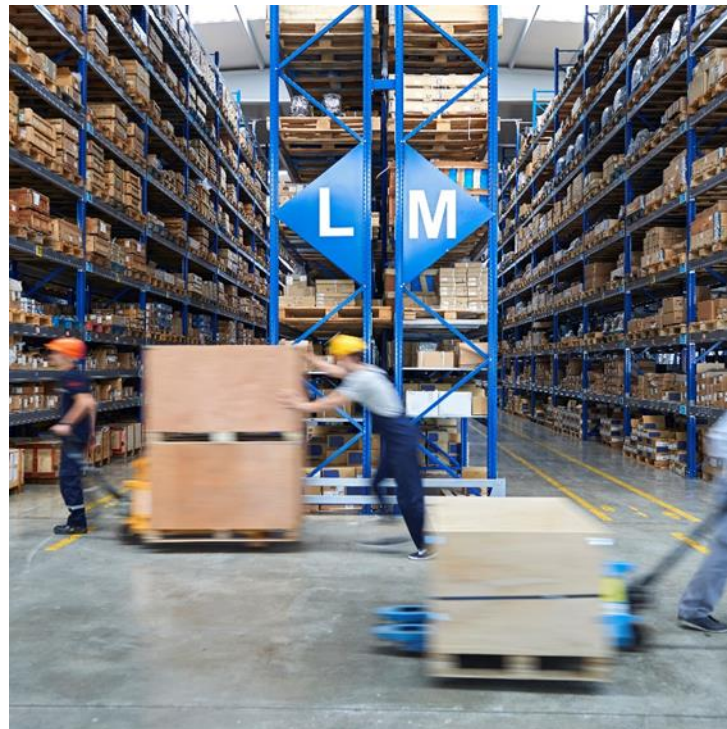
WEEE: Regulatory Reminder

Important Requirements or Regulations You Need To Know

ERP would like to remind all WEEE producers about a number of regulatory requirements:

Displaying your PRN - Regulation 21:

A Producer must declare their EEE producer registration number (PRN) to any distributor to whom he intends to sell, sells, or otherwise supplies EEE.



Product marking - Under Regulation 22:

Producers will mark EEE placed on the UK market with the “crossed-out wheeled bin” symbol. The symbol will be affixed in a visible, legible and indelible form on each item of equipment. Only in exceptional cases, where this is necessary because of the size or function of the product, can this be placed elsewhere.

Date marking - Under Regulation 23:

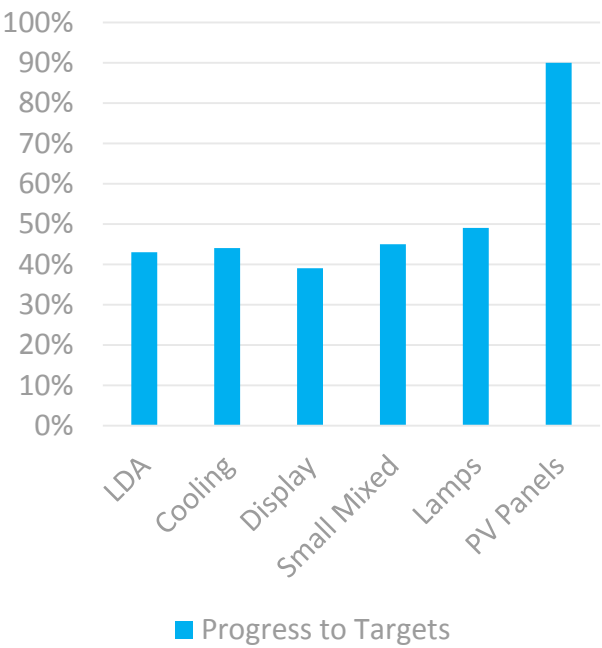
Producers must mark EEE placed on the UK market with a date mark. The black line under the bin symbol acts as a date mark, but other marking options are available to Producers. The black line is also used to identify EEE products manufactured after 13 August 2005.

WEEE: Compliance News

Q2 WEEE Data Published

At the start of September, the Q2 2017 recycling data was published by the Environment Agency. Collections for all streams are down in comparison with Q2 2016 - apart from Photovoltaic Panels which is comparable to last year. The most significant drop is Display Equipment which is down by 38% compared to Q2 2016.

Looking at the UK’s performance against Defra’s targets for 2017, the amount of WEEE collected is below the targets for all streams with the exception of Photovoltaic Panels (see table over and below).



Stream	Q1/Q2 UK WEEE Collected (tonnes)	2017 DEFRA Targets (tonnes)	Progress to Targets %
LDA	100,679	232,811	43%
Cooling	64,939	148,017	44%
Display	28,051	71,267	39%
Small Mixed	74,269	163,763	45%
Lamps	3,002	6,132	49%
PV Panels	39	43	90%
TOTAL	270,979	622,033	44%

WEEE: Data Reporting

Your Q3 EEE data round is here

Please make sure you submit your data as soon as possible in October.

Please ensure all EEE data being reported is made available to the UK market in the relevant reporting period (see below).

Please ensure your submission is approved by a legal signatory of your company or delegated authority who has prior written consent for 2017.

Include a brief explanation for any fluctuations in your data. Comparisons are made against the EEE data from the same time period last year.



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Councils Raise Concerns over Fridge Collections

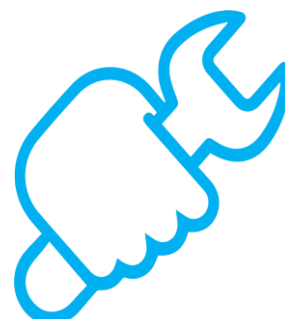
Local authorities have expressed concerns about the collection of commercial fridges from household waste recycling centres (HWRCs).

Councils receive WEEE from the general public at HWRCs, where the WEEE is segregated and collected for treatment.

Producers of household EEE register with compliance schemes to cover the costs of recycling their products when they become waste.

Identifying whether fridges are commercial (B2B) or household (B2C) is imperative to ensure that the right parties pay for their recycling and are not putting a burden on the civic infrastructure which is intended to handle B2C WEEE only.

ERP UK Managing Director, John Redmayne, made some comments in a recent article to identify this discrepancy and the concerns both sides face. Read the article [here](#).



Packaging: News

Scotland launches a deposit and return scheme for plastic bottles and canned drinks

For sometime now, the UK has been assessing the viability of a plastic bottle deposit and return scheme. This is still very much under discussion, but the basic principle is that a consumer would leave a 10-20 pence deposit for every plastic bottle bought. The consumer would then get the deposit back when they return the bottle.

The scheme aims to dramatically reduce the number of plastic bottles being introduced onto the market and to increase the amount of bottles being returned for recycling.



While England has just launched a consultation for such a scheme, Scotland announced its intention in September to deploy such a scheme for both canned and bottled drinks.

More information can be found [here](#).

Operation National Sword

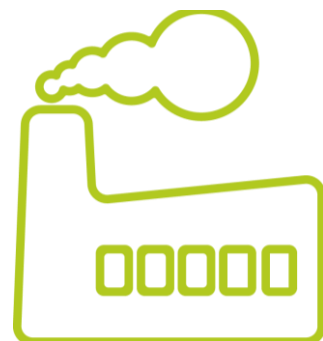
Earlier this year, China launched Operation National Sword, which imposes restrictions on the quality and types of materials being imported into China and follows on from Operation Green Fence. This is targeting low quality or sub-optimal plastics, but effects on paper are also coming into play.

The situation in China is heavily impacting the costs of plastic PRNs, causing prices to rise considerably since Q1 2017. This is in expectation that the availability of plastic PRNs to meet the UK's demand will drop through the year, as the industry prepares for a potential complete ban on certain wastes entering China after the end of 2017.

ERP UK takes every step to keep your PRN prices as stable as possible. However, please be aware that PRNs are a commodity whose price is affected by market factors. A letter regarding this was sent out to all our packaging customers earlier this year, which highlighted the concerns going into the second half of 2017. With the scope of Operation National Sword now being widened to include paper, we expect similar market forces to begin impacting PRN prices for paper. For more information please click the links to the following articles:

[Resource](#)

[Let's Recycle](#)

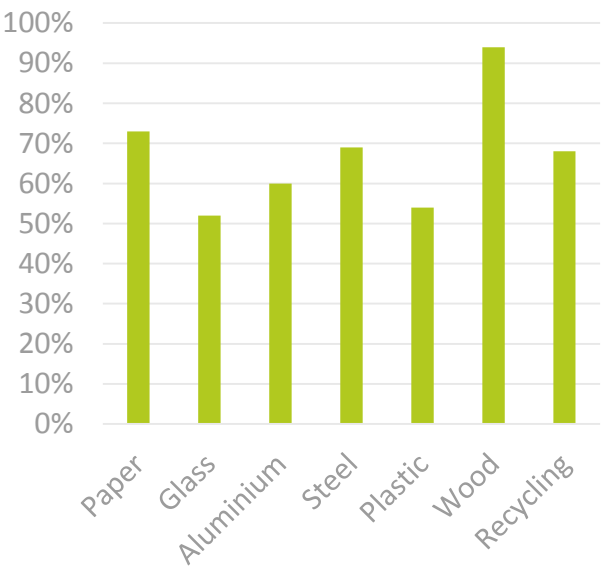


Packaging: UK Recycling Data

Q2 2017 UK recycling data

- Recycling performance year-to-date shows that most materials have a surplus, in particular wood and paper.
- Based on current recycling performance, the UK is on track to meet its 2017 obligations.
- The Q3 interim data is due to be released by the Environment Agency on 22nd October

% of 2017 Requirement



Material	2017 Net Requirement (tonnes)	Q1 Recycling (tonnes)	Q2 Recycling (tonnes)	% of 2017 Requirement
Paper	2,551,435	964,203	890,225	73%
Glass	1,540,702	391,505	404,289	52%
Aluminium	79,450	21,256	26,594	60%
Steel	329,349	112,637	116,072	69%
Plastic	937,233	260,558	248,018	54%
Wood	213,578	97,350	103,762	94%
General	1,027,964	-	-	0%
Recycling	539,076	193,209	172,390	68%

Tesco Supermarkets Remove Single-Use Carrier Bags

From 28th August 2017, Tesco has removed all 5p single-use carrier bags from its stores. Going forwards, only bags for life will be available in-store. This follows a successful 10-week trial in Aberdeen, Dundee and Norwich, where Tesco found that customers bought significantly fewer bags.

Official figures released in July 2016 showed an 85% drop in the number of single-use bags used by shoppers since the charge was introduced in 2015 and the UK's carrier bag usage has decreased massively since.

Tesco reports it has given out 1.5 billion fewer single-use bags since the introduction of the carrier bag charge in England in 2015, but still sells over 700 million each year. Removing single-use carrier bags will significantly reduce the number of bags sold and will therefore help to reduce litter and the amount of discarded bags sent to landfill.

For more information please click the links to the following articles:

[Tesco](#)

[Packaging News](#)



Batteries: News

ERP offers portable battery collections and portable battery boxes for FREE to its members.

Portable battery distributors have certain take-back requirements: retailers or distributors selling 32kg or more of portable batteries are legally required to offer in-store take-back.

In order to help distributors meet these requirements, ERP has FREE boxes and offers a FREE collection service for portable batteries.



For more information and FAQs, please visit our website:

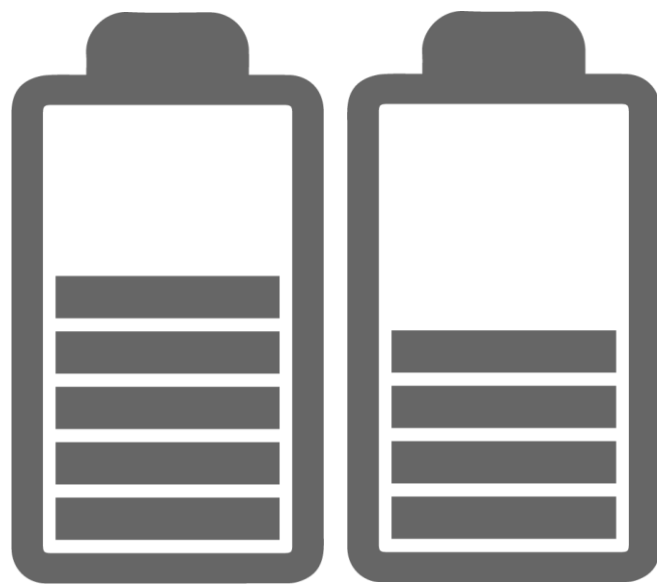
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Batteries: Data Reporting

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Batteries: Compliance News

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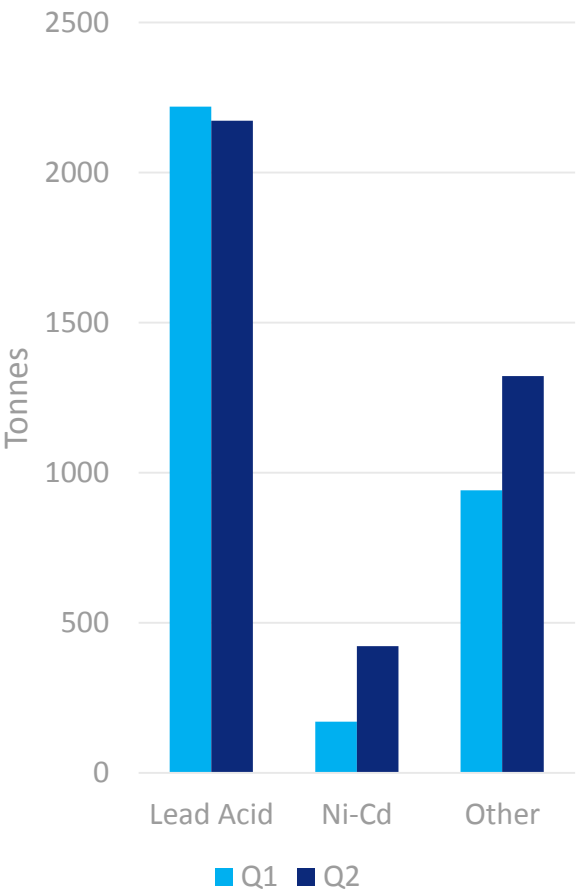
At the start of September, the Environment Agency published the Q2 2017 waste portable batteries collection data.

Lead Acid showed a 2% drop on Q1 2017; 61% of the total batteries collected to date in 2017 is lead acid, compared to 51% in 2016.

Ni-Cd showed a 299% increase between Q2 2016 (106 tonnes) and Q2 2017 (423 tonnes), plus a 148% increase on Q1 2017. 8% of the total batteries collected to date in 2017 is Ni-Cd, compared to 3% in 2016.

Other showed a 40% increase on Q1 2017; 31% of the total batteries collected to date in 2017 is Other, compared to 46% in 2016.

The **current collection rate** is 22.15% which means that the UK is on track to meet the 45% collection target for 2017.



Stream	Q1 Waste Portable Batteries Collected (tonnes)	Q2 Waste Portable Batteries Collected (tonnes)
Lead Acid	2219.785	2172.490
Ni-Cd	170.193	422.581
Other	941.110	1321.483

Data Services

Data collection

The Data Services team's data collection exercises are now well underway and have so far seen a great supplier response.

We are therefore close to meeting our data collection targets to ensure our packaging weights database is up-to-date.

A number of new collection exercises will be commencing in the coming weeks and account managers may be in contact to discuss specific details.

Any support you can provide with this activity will be greatly appreciated.



Site Visits

Following the closure of the latest submission period, account managers are currently contacting customers who are due a review to arrange meetings in the coming weeks.

Site visits are a good way for account managers to keep up-to-date with the practices of our clients and help ensure we have all the necessary information to create an accurate submission.

Any assistance clients can provide during these visits is likely to put us in a very good position for the next submission period.

Count Down To 2018 Submission

Whilst some of us can't even bear to think about Christmas yet, your Data Services account managers are already starting to plan your 2018 data submission.

Please remember that we will require your data in early 2018, often in the format provided to us previously.

If you think you will have any problems providing data, or have had any significant change in business activities during 2017, please contact us as soon as possible.

International Compliance

Speak to our International Compliance Team to understand whether you have obligations in other countries.

We will:

- Have an initial conversation about your specific circumstances, and advise if you are likely to have an obligation
- Carry out a full assessment of your obligations if required
- Put in place registrations in any country as necessary
- Manage all reporting and compliance activities on your behalf.



For advice on International Compliance, please contact:

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Together is Better

Landbell Group and DHL have joined forces to create a unique market beating partnership offering international compliance, take-back and waste management services for WEEE, batteries and packaging.

Together we offer a best in class experience for our partners – compliance, consultancy, operational efficiencies and data services.

It's a powerful combination that offers value for money whilst easing your reporting burdens, so you can focus on your core business.

Please contact us for more info or go to:
www.together-is-better.com



Please get in touch – we'd love to hear from you!

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