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Member News

Season's Greetings!

Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all of our members.

And a warm welcome to those members who have joined us recently!

The next few pages have some important reminders (and festive messages) from our customer service teams.



Data Services

Whilst we don't expect packaging data to be at the top of your 'to do' list over the festive period, please be aware that we will require data from you in January 2018 to cover the 2017 calendar year. In addition, if there have been any significant changes to your business structure or activities during 2017, please let us know as soon as possible.

The Data Service department will close from 22rd December 2017 and re-open on January 2nd 2018

Member News

International Compliance

During 2018, “Open Scope” for WEEE will come into effect in many EU Member States. Products will be in scope unless specifically excluded in the Directive. The move to Open Scope will mean new reporting categories in many countries and potentially different cost allocations for obligated producers.

We will be tracking the implementation of Open Scope and making further information available to our members next year. If you have any questions on this in the meantime, please get in touch with our International Compliance team.



Packaging

Unbelievably, your 2018 packaging data submission will begin soon. It only seems like last month that we were supporting you with your data submissions and ensuring that you were registered on time...where did that time go?

It is that wonderful time of year where we are looking forward to friends, family, food - and hopefully a successful Q4 trading period. What is probably not on your mind right now is your 2018 packaging data submission... but worry not!

This is just a reminder that we will be contacting you in late December, and again in early January, to remind you of the deadlines and timescales.

Member News

WEEE and Batteries

We have completed our initial 2018 producer compliance registrations for portable battery and WEEE producers.

As part of this process, we contacted all of our members to confirm their registration details. This is something we repeat every year to ensure your registration details are as up to date as possible.

If you have not yet completed this procedure, and still need to register, please contact us urgently.



Small and Large WEEE Producers

If you place 5 or more tonnes of EEE on the market during a compliance year, you need to be registered as a Large Producer.

Please be aware that ERP UK will need to issue revised producer registration fees for any companies that were registered as Small Producers and which have now exceeded this threshold. This will impact 2017 and 2018 registrations.

Unfortunately, the Environment Agency will not issue credit notes for producers that move from being a Large Producer to a Small Producer during the same year. This is why it is imperative that you advise us correctly if you are going to be a Small or Large Producer when confirming your registration details.

ERP will be reconciling fees at the end of January and will invoice your revised Environment Agency producer registration fees accordingly (if applicable).

Member News

Member Workshops 2018

Let us untangle the complexity for you! Join us at one of our member workshops next year. We hope to see you at one or more of the following workshops. More details will follow in the new year:

Q1 2018

08/02/2018 - Packaging Workshop, Lutterworth

02/03/2018 – WEEE and Batteries Workshop, Slough



Q2 2018

28/06/2018 – WEEE and Batteries Workshop, Chiswick, London

26/09/2018 – Packaging Workshop, Chiswick, London

Q3 2018

28/09/2018 - WEEE and Batteries Workshop, Bradford

Q4 2018

09/01/2019 - WEEE and Batteries Workshop, Lutterworth

Latest News

Proposed amendments to the WEEE Regulations – Open Scope

We hope that you found our communications on this consultation useful and were able to attend our webinar with Graeme Vickery of Defra on 14th November.

If you were not able to attend the webinar or would like to review it again, please see the link below (you will need to register to access the recording):

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9131463146707563266>

Short Summary of Open Scope

The UK Government's three options for introducing Open Scope could have significant cost and administrative impacts for companies, which is why we urged members to respond to the consultation by Friday 8th December. Here is a short summary of the key points:

- From 1st January 2019, all EEE to be classed as in scope unless covered by a specific exemption or exclusion in the current Regulations
- Current 14 categories to be replaced by 6 categories
- Proposed options for doing this in the UK are:
 - i. Report under the new 6 categories
 - ii. Amend the WEEE Regulations to retain the current 14 categories but develop protocols to allow the UK to convert the data into the 6 categories for reporting to the EU
 - iii. Amend the WEEE Regulations to 6 categories with additional 3 subcategories

We will provide further updates on Open Scope in the New Year.



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Open Scope across Europe

Want to know when Denmark will introduce the Open Scope requirements of the WEEE Directive or how Malta will move to six categories? ERP has produced a summary for producers, including the transposition status in each Member State. Please see link below:

<https://erp-recycling.org/news-and-events/2017/11/open-scope/>

We are closely monitoring developments in Member States and will regularly update this summary document.



ERP Position and Discussion Papers

Want to know our views on various topics, including the waste framework directive, the circular economy proposal and modulated fees?

All the latest ERP and Landbell Group position and discussion papers can be found here:

<https://erp-recycling.org/position-papers/>

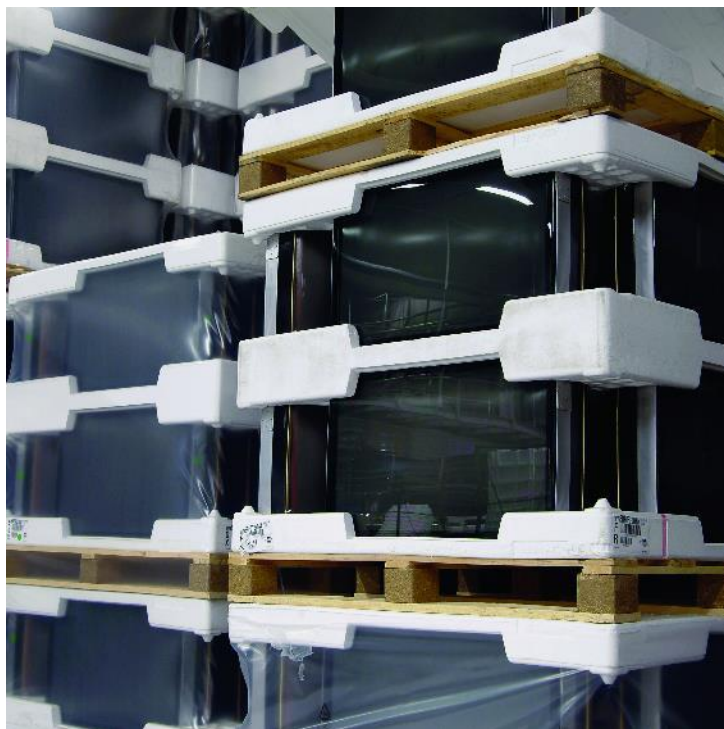
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Environment Agency charges

A consultation has recently been launched to review Environment Agency charges, including those relating to the WEEE Regulations for producers, compliance schemes and AATFs.

Below are some key points that may affect our members who are based in England from April 2018:

- The proposal is to introduce an annual producer registration fee of £800 for all 'Large' EEE producers (placing more than 5 tonnes of EEE on the market each year).



- The annual producer registration fee for 'Small' producers (placing less than 5 tonne of EEE on the market each year) will remain at £30.

As always, we are in discussions with stakeholders and will be contributing to responses to this consultation.

The link to the consultation is here:

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/engagement/environmentagency-charging-proposals-fromapril2018/>

Latest News

Shaping the Future

Part two of our 10 Year Report on WEEE in the UK explores the major themes and challenges facing the recycling and compliance industry in the future.

The report touches on everything from legislative harmonisation to the future of extended producer responsibility.

It also highlights the next generation of European start-ups from the circular economy at the Green Alley Award 2017 and celebrates three pioneers of compliance and sustainable design.



The report includes interviews with figures at the forefront of the industry, both professionally and academically, such as Jan Patrick Schulz, CEO of Landbell Group, and Dr Kieren Mayers, Director of Environment and Technical Compliance at Sony Interactive Entertainment Europe.

You can read both parts of the reports here:

Part one: <https://erp-recycling.org/uk/news-and-events/2017/12/10-years-of-weee-in-the-uk/>

Part two: <https://erp-recycling.org/uk/news-and-events/2017/12/10-years-of-weee-in-the-uk-part-two/>

Latest News

Operation National Sword

The packaging market has been volatile during 2017 due to China's Operation National Sword, which imposes restrictions on the quality and types of materials being imported into China. These restrictions are having a significant impact on the costs of plastic PRNs, and are also now affecting paper.



We continue to review the PRN market closely and we anticipate that PRN prices will rise further next year as, from the start of 2018, China will impose very strict restrictions that only allow 0.5% of contamination.

The impact of Operation National Sword is now making the national news. Please see the following article from The Guardian:

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2017/dec/07/chinese-ban-on-plastic-waste-imports-could-see-uk-pollution-rise>



Latest News

Our International Compliance team has compiled the following country updates:

Portugal

Obligated producers are now required to register with the Portuguese Environment Agency. The new system applies to WEEE, battery and packaging producers.

Registration and submission of an estimate of products/batteries/packaging to be placed on the market must be completed by 31st March 2018 at the latest.



France

Some changes to packaging compliance schemes in France have been under discussion. The packaging scheme, Eco-emballages, and the graphic paper scheme, Ecofolio, have combined to form the new scheme Citeo.

Meanwhile a proposed new entrant to the packaging compliance market in France (Leko) may not now be in a position to commence operations next year, which would mean the continuation of a compliance market without effective competition.

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Norway

Mandatory producer responsibility for packaging has been introduced by an amendment to the Norwegian Waste Regulation of 2004.

Under the new requirements, producers placing more than 1000 kg of packaging on the market must join a compliance scheme and finance collection/recycling of packaging waste.

The new system replaces a voluntary model that had been in place since 1995.



Landbell AG participates in R2PI project

R2PI - "Transition from linear to circular: Policy and Innovation" is a new three-year research project from the European Commission as part of the Horizon 2020 programme, in which both Landbell AG and Green Alley Investment GmbH are participating.

The project aims to facilitate a smooth transition to a circular economy. To promote this the Cooperation Centre for Sustainable Consumption and Production has brought together 15 partners from nine member states and associated countries within 36 months to form a consortium built on their extensive expertise and experience. Business experts, public institutions as well as think tanks and research institutes have joined the project.

What makes the R2PI project unique is its strong commercial focus, which goes above and beyond the environmental goals and looks at the role of businesses in spreading Circular Economy Business Models (CEBMs). Its primary entails developing commonstones to increase the marketability of CEBMs. To determine the latter, the economic and political conditions, which are currently preventing the development of the circular economy and in some cases support the creation of linear value chains, have to be



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<http://www.landbell-group.com/>

WEEE and Batteries: Data Reporting

The data rounds for Q4 portable batteries, Q4 B2C EEE and 2017 B2B EEE are fast approaching.

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

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

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

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



Reporting Periods	Reporting Deadlines
Q1: 1st January to 31st March	Friday 14 th April 2017
Q2: 1st April to 30 th June	Friday 14 th July 2017
Q3: 1st July to 30 th September	Friday 13 th October 2017
Q4: 1st Oct to 31st December	Monday 15 th January 2018
2017 B2B EEE: 1 st January to 31st December	Monday 15 th January 2018

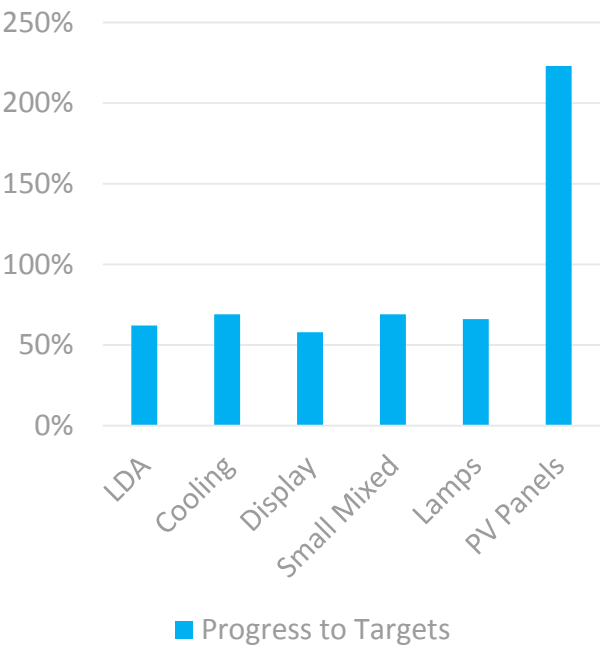
Compliance News

Q3 WEEE Data Published

The Q3 2017 recycling data published by the Environment Agency shows that LDA is down by 23% on Q3 2016, and 6% on Q2 2017, with an overall decrease of 2,500 tonnes. This is an unusual trend.

Display is also down by 26% on Q3 2016 with a small 2% decline on Q2 2017. The other streams are fairly stable, with the exception of PV panels: collections have increased by 71% in Q3 2016.

In summary, collections of LDA are dropping this year and Display continues its decline. It now looks increasingly likely that the UK will not meet the 2017 collections targets (see table below).



Stream	Q1/Q2/Q3 UK WEEE Collected (tonnes)	2017 DEFRA Targets (tonnes)	Progress to Targets %
LDA	143,733	232,811	62%
Cooling	102,183	148,017	69%
Display	41,355	71,267	58%
Small Mixed	112,649	163,763	69%
Lamps	4,038	6,132	66%
PV Panels	96	43	223%
TOTAL	404,053	622,033	65%

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Q3 Portable Batteries Data Published

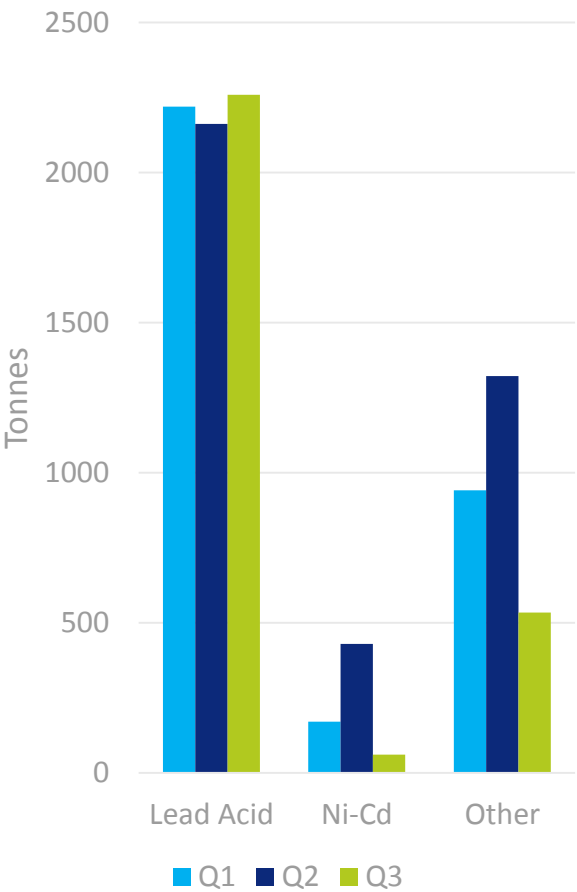
The Environment Agency recently published the Q3 2017 waste portable batteries collection data.

Other shows a marked decline: only 533.943 tonnes were collected in Q3 2017 against 1,321.483 tonnes in Q2 2017, a 60% drop.

Ni-Cd also shows an 86% drop between Q3 2017 and Q2 2017 (a difference of 361 tonnes) - confirming an unusual spike in Ni-Cd collections last quarter.

Lead Acid shows a 4% increase on Q2 2017.

The current collection rate is **32.41%** which means that the UK is on track to meet the **45% collection target** for 2017 - although, as in previous years, a strong Q4 will be needed to meet the target.

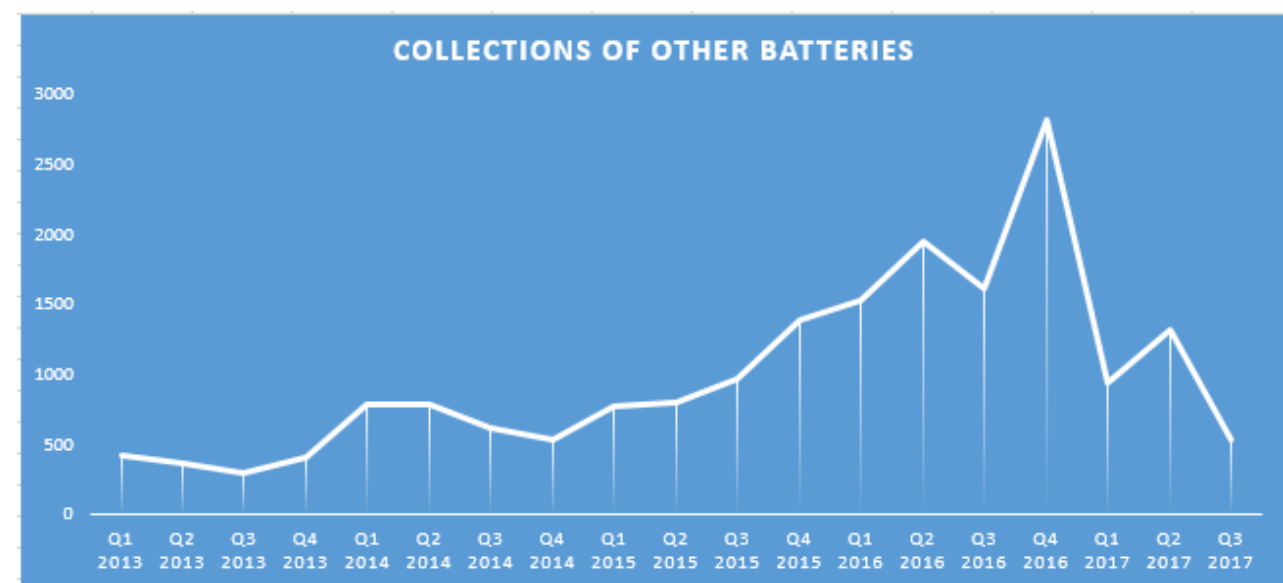


Stream	Q1 Waste Portable Batteries Collected (tonnes)	Q2 Waste Portable Batteries Collected (tonnes)	Q3 Waste Portable Batteries Collected (tonnes)
Lead Acid	2219.785	2162.199	2,259.238
Ni-Cd	170.343	429.469	61.214
Other	941.110	1321.483	533.943

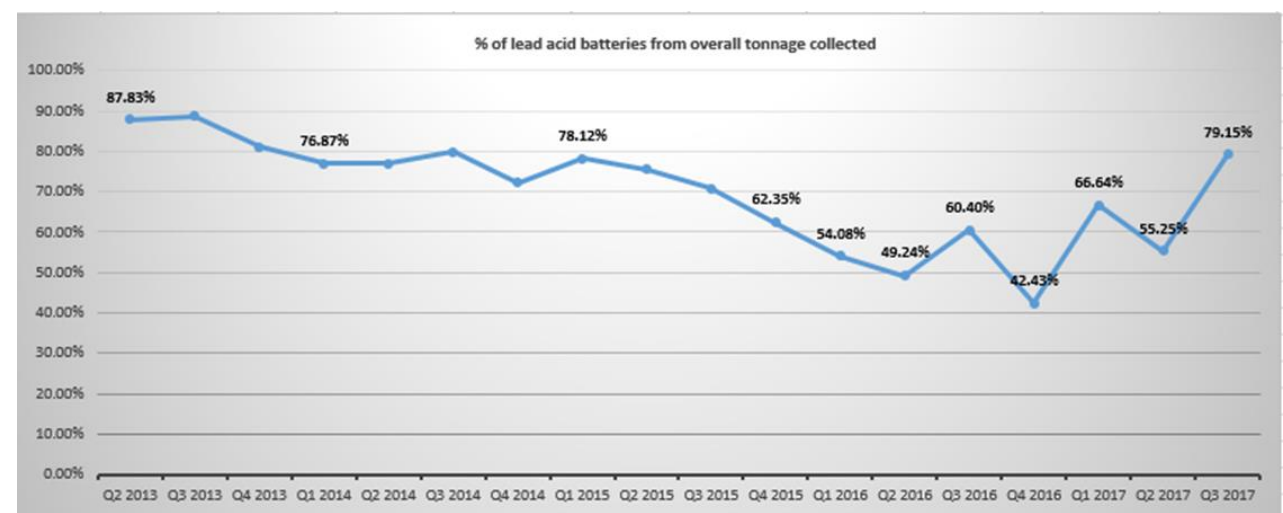
Q3 Portable Batteries Data Published

Comparing the data for Q3 2017 with Q3 2016 shows a 33% decrease on waste batteries collected, which is primarily because collections of **Other** batteries have dropped considerably.

Overall, it would appear that the surge in **Other** batteries collected in 2016 is now over. In 2016, 46% of total batteries collected was Other, compared to just 28% in 2017.



Collections of lead acid batteries have also risen again: 66% of total batteries collected (to date) is lead acid, compared to 51% in 2016.



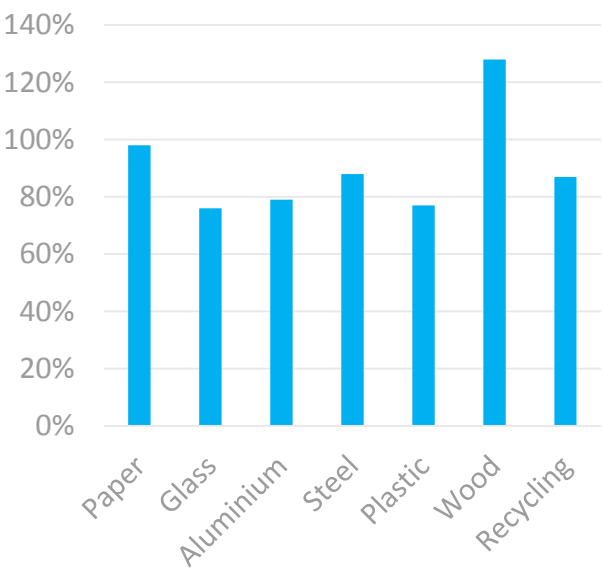
Q3 2017 UK Packaging Recycling Data

Current recycling performance indicates that most materials have a surplus, in particular paper and wood, and that the UK is on track to meet its 2017 obligations.

Q3 performance is higher than Q2 2017 in the majority of materials apart from aluminium and steel.

Compared to Q3 2016, the recycling levels are similar with some materials slightly higher, including plastic.

% of 2017 Requirement



Material	2017 Net Requirement (tonnes)	Q1 – Q3 Recycling (tonnes)	% of 2017 Requirement
Paper	2,850,992	2,779,970	98%
Glass	1,540,702	1,227,243	76%
Aluminium	79,450	71,047	79%
Steel	329,349	323,386	88%
Plastic	937,233	786,193	77%
Wood	213,578	314,382	128%
General	1,027,964	-	0%
Recycling	539,076	526,594	87%

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