

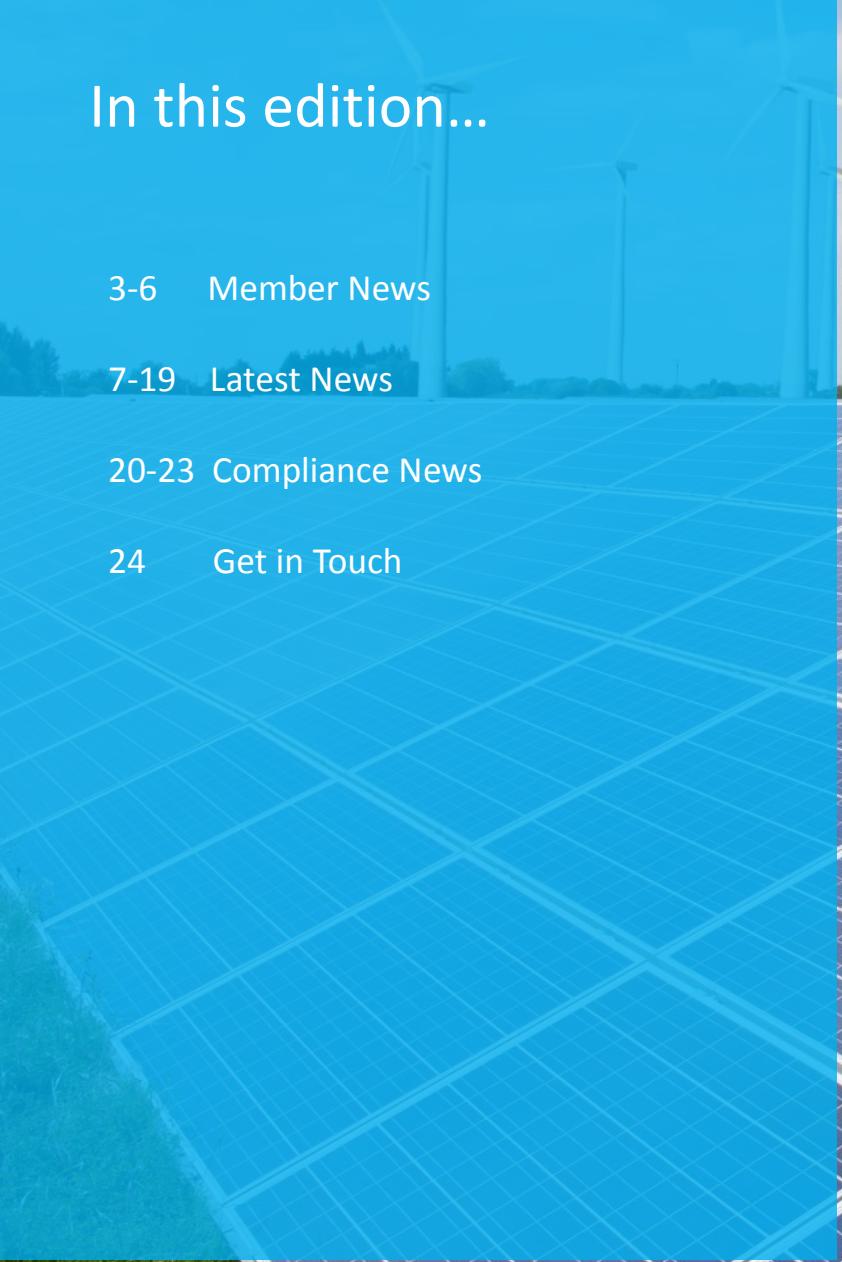


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Member News

Data Services

The 2018 Data Round is now almost complete. We would like to thank all of our customers for their co-operation during this busy time.

For the remainder of the year, the Data Services team will be continuing to work on maintaining a strong understanding of our clients and their activities in relation to packaging.

We will also be working on maintaining our packaging weights database.

As a part of this on-going activity we may wish to carry out some targeted and specific data collections for your account.

Your support with this activity is greatly appreciated and we will be in touch if we feel that a focused data collection exercise is required for your account.



Member News

International Compliance

The EU's Circular Economy Package is nearing adoption. In February, the EU ambassadors (Coreper) endorsed the Package agreed in December. The European Parliament and then the European Council are expected to ratify it by June this year.

The Circular Economy Package will introduce a number of changes to producer responsibility legislation, including:

- Higher packaging recycling targets for all packaging materials
- Stricter financial obligations on producers across Member States
- A requirement for producer responsibility systems to apply to distance sales
- Possible tightening of the Essential Requirement rules of the Packaging Directive which prevent use of excessive packaging

If you have any questions, please get in touch with our International Compliance team.



News Flash

Please be aware that a number of European countries, like Germany, Portugal, and Ireland, are placing more stringent enforcement measures on online sellers and other companies based outside those countries who place products onto those markets.

Selling abroad? Whether this is internet sales or a physical presence – the principle is the same as the UK, but don't assume that the rules are. If this applies to you, we can provide a number of easy compliance solutions covering multiple countries.

Member News

Final packaging registration deadline for 2018

The UK's annual packaging waste registration deadline has now passed.

We'd like to remind any producers who have not yet submitted your data that your company is leaving itself open to prosecution and civil sanctions by not doing so.

Between January and July 2016, businesses that were non-compliant with the Packaging Waste Regulations were collectively fined more than £300,000.

To those producers who have already submitted the required packaging information, we'd like to thank you once again for your time and cooperation.



Member News

Member Workshops 2018

Let us untangle the complexity for you!
We hope to see you at one or more of our
workshops this year:

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

Please contact us for more details



Latest News

Open Scope

As you are most probably already aware, in January 2019 “open scope” will apply and the number of categories for EEE and WEEE reporting stated in the UK WEEE regulations will reduce from 14 to 6 in order to conform with the Recast WEEE Directive.

There was a consultation last year to determine the most appropriate way to implement the change.

The results of the consultation are now expected to be published in April and we will keep you updated.

The three options in the consultation were:

1. Allow the existing WEEE Regulations to take effect, with the requirement to categorise and report EEE and WEEE in the six revised categories.
2. Amend the 2013 WEEE Regulations to retain the current system of 14 categories with new flexibility to allocate products previously out of scope to one of the 14 categories.
3. Amend the 2013 WEEE Regulations to move to the 6 categories, but using three additional sub-categories.



On 14th November 2017, we held a webinar with Graeme Vickery of Defra to discuss “open scope”.

If you 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>

Latest News

Consultation on WEEE collection targets for 2018

Defra recently published a short consultation on the WEEE collection targets for 2018 which will be used to calculate household obligations. If you would like a short summary of our response to the consultation, please contact the UK compliance team.

It is important that targets are set at a reasonable level to encourage the collection of WEEE. However, the 2018 targets must also take into account that the amount of EEE placed on the market is showing a decline.

The proposed targets show a reduction in all categories compared to the 2017 targets. Overall, the total target sees a 14% reduction from 621,990 tonnes in 2017 to 532,818 tonnes in 2018.

NEWS FLASH: The final 2018 targets have just been announced (please see over). We will use these targets from Q2 2018 onwards.



Final 2018 WEEE Collection Targets

Defra has just published the final WEEE collection targets for the UK. Comparing the initial draft targets to the final targets shows that Defra has reduced the target for Category 3 - ICT, hence the reduction to SDA. The targets for Cold, Display, Lamps and PV panels have all increased.

Stream	Draft Targets	Final Targets	Difference
LDA	190,171.000	190,171.000	0.000
COLD	136,608.000	138,891.000	2,283.000
CRT	46,512.000	50,350.000	3,838.000
SDA	154,229.000	152,060.000	-2,169.000
LAMPS	5,256.000	5,517.000	261.000
PV PANELS	40.000	76.000	36.000
Total	532,816.000	537,065.000	4,249.000

Confirmation of 2018 return rates based on final targets and 2017 POM is shown in the table below:

CATEGORY	2018 RETURN RATES
LDA	33.69%
SDA	24.80%
IT	61.32%
CE	83.87%
Lights	0.00%
Tools	25.73%
Toys	4.83%
Medical	0.84%
Monitoring	1.48%
Vending	0.00%
Display	67.15%
Cooling	63.60%
Lamps	64.96%
PV Panels	0.23%
Total	40.58%

Latest News

Open Scope across Europe

Many EU member states will implement “open scope” from 15th August 2018.

If you require assistance with scoping and/or re-categorisation of EEE for reporting, please contact our International compliance team.

If you want to know how and when member states will introduce the Open Scope requirements, ERP has produced a summary for producers. Please see link below:

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

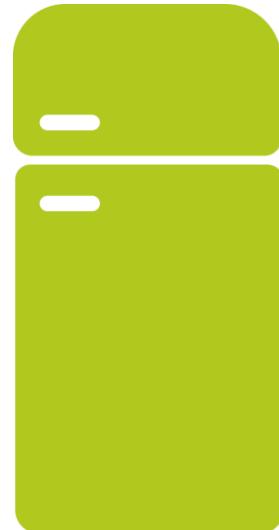
We are closely monitoring developments in Member States and will regularly update this summary document.

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/>



Latest News

Environment Agency Producer Responsibility Charges

The Environment Agency (EA) has published a new charging scheme for regulatory permits and services in England.

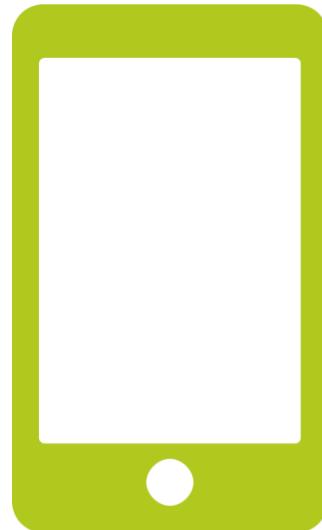
Following a consultation in November 2017, the EA confirmed on 21st March 2018 that all changes will become effective from 1st April 2018, with the exception of changes to the WEEE producer responsibility charges, which will come into effect from 1st January 2019. The annual producer registration charges from 2019 will be:

- £30 for small producers
- £100 for large producers not registered for VAT
- £100 for large overseas producers not registered for VAT
- £375 for large overseas producer registered for VAT
- £750 for all other producers

The EA will also implement the producer compliance scheme (PCS) annual subsistence charge of £12,500 from the 2019 compliance year.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/environment-agency-fees-and-charges>



Latest News

Expansion of Operation National Sword

Following the success of Operation Green Fence, China launched Operation National Sword to impose restrictions on imported waste coming into China for recycling.

The UK exports almost half a million tonnes of plastic waste to China for recycling which means that the restrictions on the quality of imported waste plastics is having a dramatic effect on plastic PRN/PERN prices on the UK market.

A packaging recovery note (PRN) or packaging export recovery note (PERN) is evidence of recycling of a material, which can only be issued from an accredited recycler or re-processor.

All packaging producers that are obligated under the regulations have a requirement to fund recovery and recycling, and this is derived from their packaging data submission. A packaging producer or its compliance scheme must have enough evidence to meet their members' obligations.

Operation National Sword has had an impact on not just plastic, but on several other waste streams, with containers of waste paper being examined for both purity and moisture content.



Bales or containers with substandard material are not accepted and those with an unacceptable level of moisture content are similarly declined based on concerns over the spread of bacteria and fungal microbes. The current contaminant level is set at 1.5% per load.

As with plastic, we are now seeing PRN prices for paper increasing as demand versus supply for paper PRNs rises.

For more info, please visit: <https://resource-recycling.com/plastics/2017/12/06/china-envisioned-years-national-swords/>

Latest News

Packaging: PRN system to be reviewed

The National Audit Office (NAO) are to undertake a review of the UK's PRN system with a focus on auditability and prevention of fraud.

At the same time, a series of six cross sector meetings has also taken place to discuss the evolution of the packaging producer responsibility system and to look at ways of increasing recycling and funding. ERP were in attendance at the compliance scheme focused workshop and will continue to attend discussions and inform our members as soon as the full outputs are made available.

Please see:

<https://www.letsrecycle.com/news/latest-news/cross-sector-prn-review-meetings/>

This combined with increased concern over the use of plastics and their impact on the planet, as well as the drive to move away from throw-away or single-use packaging, makes this a good time to review the PRN system.

The packaging, recycling and retail sectors have always had a desire to review the UK PRN system and ensure fair but stable costs.

More info can be found here:

<https://www.letsrecycle.com/news/latest-news/nao-review-prn-system/>



Latest News

Packaging: Wood

Following on from the recent 2018 Packaging targets, the wood target has risen notably from 22% to 38%.

ERP UK has many customers that use wooden packaging, some examples include industrial manufacturers/suppliers, milling companies, logistics providers to wines and spirits retailers, etc.

A 16% increase will increase the requirements/demand from producers for wood PRNs and this has already caused prices to rise.

Wood was previously one of the cheapest PRNs and was therefore often used to make up general recycling obligation requirements.

As general recycling obligation can be met by any material PRNs, this will also likely have an impact on the price for general recycling, too, as other materials may be looked to for fulfilling those obligations .



Latest News

Packaging: plastic free aisles

Some big-name retailers have made commitments to minimise their use of plastics. Iceland, for example, has committed to making its own brand labels plastic free by 2023:

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/02/28/dutch-company-launches-worlds-first-plastic-free-aisle-test/>

Ekoplaza, a Dutch supermarket chain, also introduced a plastic free aisle in February 2018 . As pressure mounts, you have to wonder when the UK will see its first plastic free aisles in our favourite supermarkets?



Carrier bag tax expanded to all retailers

In October 2015, England implemented a carrier bag tax on all single-use carrier bags. It is estimated to have caused a reduction in single-use carrier bags of up to 85%.

Initially, the carrier bag tax only applied to large retailers with 250 or more employees. In 2018, the UK government is looking to expand the remit of the carrier bag tax to all retailers:

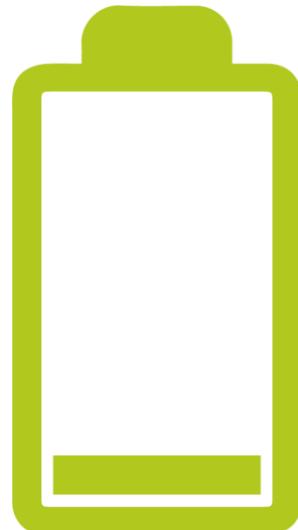
<https://www.ft.com/content/6f42bf08-f561-11e7-88f7-5465a6ce1a00>

Latest News

Powys County Council Pupils Rise to Batteries Recycling Challenge

Between September and December 2017, ERP UK and Powys County Council organised a competition between a number of schools to collect portable batteries. This collection saw a whopping 1.72 tonnes of batteries collected!

Llanbedr Church in Wales School, near Crickhowell, won the competition by collecting an impressive 4.77 kg of batteries per pupil. Second place went to Brecon's Ysgol Penmaes and Newbridge-on Wye's Church in Wales School finished third.



We hope by running such an engaging competition, ERP UK can promote the safe collection of waste portable batteries and raise awareness of recycling among the next generation.

Five councils – Caerphilly, Cardiff, Newport, Powys and Rhondda Cynon Taf – are running portable battery recycling competitions with ERP UK's support.

Please contact us for more info: <https://erp-recycling.org/uk/news-and-events/2018/03/pupils-rise-recycling-challenge/>

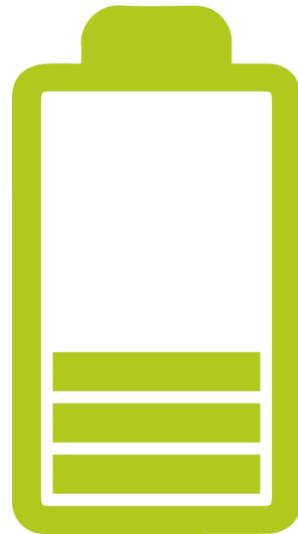


Latest News

ERP offers portable battery collections and portable battery bins for FREE to its members

Portable battery distributors have certain take-back requirements. Battery 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 offers FREE boxes and a FREE collection service for portable batteries.



For more information, please visit the following links:

<http://www.erp-batteries.co.uk/useful-info-risk-assessments-and-faqs/>

<http://www.erp-batteries.co.uk/request-box/>

<https://erp-recycling.org/uk/batteries/request-collection/>

Latest News

Here are some country updates from our International Compliance team:

Norway

From 1st June, members of the Norwegian packaging scheme, Gront Punkt, will have to report the amount of wood packaging placed on the market and pay the associated recycling fees.

Please note that reusable Euro pallets will be charged at a significantly lower rate than one-way pallets.



Hong Kong

WEEE legislation will come into force in Hong Kong in 2018. Obligated producers are required to register by 1st August 2018.

The scope of the legislation includes: air-conditioners, refrigerators, washing machines, televisions, computers, printers, scanners and monitors.

Latest News

Singapore

Singapore has published plans to introduce producer responsibility legislation for WEEE and Batteries by 2021.

Obligated producers will have to join an approved scheme, report sales volumes, and finance the collection of waste.

Scope will include: IT Equipment, TVs, White Goods, Lamps, Solar Panels and Batteries.



The image shows the cover of the 'Environmental Compliance Report' by Landbell Group. The cover features a green and white design with the company name 'LANDBELL GROUP' at the top. Below it, the title 'Environmental Compliance Report' is prominently displayed, followed by 'by Landbell Group'. The background of the cover has a subtle pattern of green leaves or grass.

Landbell News

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). This primarily entails developing recommendations 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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Compliance News

WEEE and Batteries: Data Reporting

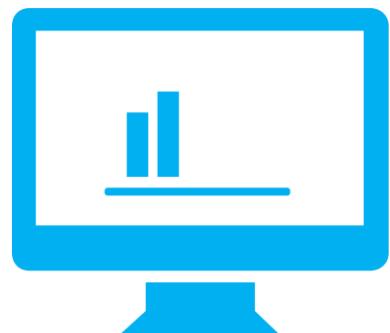
The data rounds for Q1 2018 portable batteries and EEE are now upon us.

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

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 2018.

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



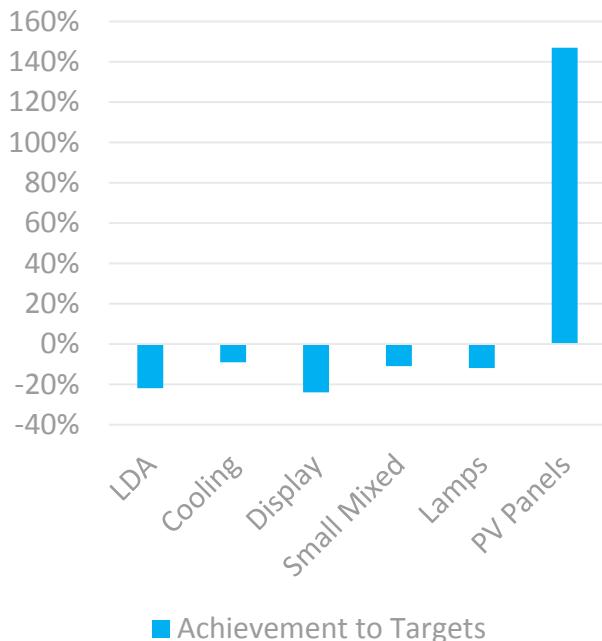
Reporting Periods	Reporting Deadlines
Q1: 1st January to 31st March	Friday 14 th April 2018
Q2: 1st April to 30 th June	Friday 14 th July 2018
Q3: 1st July to 30 th September	Friday 13 th October 2018
Q4: 1st Oct to 31st December	Monday 15 th January 2019

Compliance News

WEEE collection target missed for 2017

Data published by Defra shows that 522,914 tonnes of WEEE was collected in 2017, missing the 2017 WEEE collection target by 16%. Most categories were in shortfall and, as such, the compliance fee will be used to fulfil the outstanding obligations. This is the first time since 2013 that most waste streams have declined.

The Q4 2017 data confirmed some interesting trends. We collected less WEEE in the UK in 2017, with marked declines in the amount of LDA and Display equipment collected, and reduced collections of SDA and Cold. And, also for the first time since 2013, less EEE was put on the market.



Stream	2017 UK WEEE Collected (tonnes)	2017 DEFRA Targets (tonnes)	Achievement to Targets
LDA	182,189	232,811	-22%
Cooling	135,145	148,017	-9%
Display	54,188	71,267	-24%
Small Mixed	145,902	163,763	-11%
Lamps	5,383	6,132	-12%
PV Panels	106	43	147%
TOTAL	522,914	622,033	-16%

Compliance News

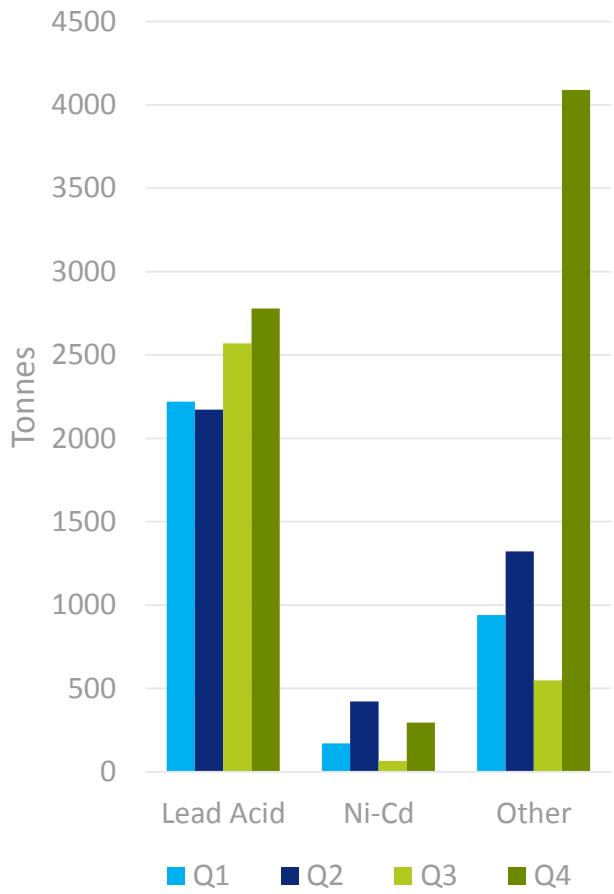
2017 portable batteries collection data

There was a significant increase in the amount of Other and Ni-Cd waste batteries collected in Q4 2017 compared with previous quarters. Overall, there was only a 2% increase from 2016 on total batteries collected in 2017 :

- Lead Acid = 830 more tonnes collected
- Ni-Cd = 487 more tonnes collected
- Other = 1,000 less tonnes collected

The percentage of Lead Acid batteries collected each year has dropped from 86% in 2013 to 55% in 2017 but, after an initial decline, it appears to be back on the rise.

Based on this final 2017 data, and as for 2016, the UK has not managed to meet the 45% target (44.88%). There may be further evidence issued later, so we will see if the UK has met its targets then.



Stream	2017 Waste Portable Batteries Collected (Tonnes)			
Lead Acid	2219.785	2162.199	2259.238	2778.539
Ni-Cd	170.343	429.469	61.214	294.827
Other	941.110	1321.483	533.943	4090.050

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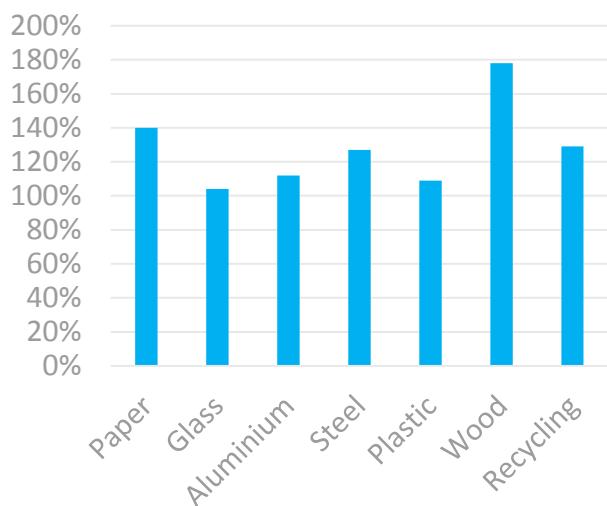
Q4 2017 UK recycling data

Whilst we wait for the final recycling data for 2017, the interim data for Q4 2017 shows UK obligations for 2017 have been met.

The performance in Q4 was similar to previous quarters overall and steel increased by 13%. However, some materials showed a decrease with glass and wood being the most significant.

Comparing Q4 2017 to Q4 2016, the overall performance is just 3% lower in Q4 2017 with slight decreases in paper, glass and recovery.

Achievement of Requirement



Material	2017 Net Requirement (tonnes)	Q1 – Q4 Recycling (tonnes)	Achievement of 2017 Requirement
Paper	2,850,992	3,978,450	140%
Glass	1,623,688	1,683,863	104%
Aluminium	90,366	100,947	112%
Steel	367,235	465,428	127%
Plastic	1,018,053	1,109,022	109%
Wood	244,741	436,790	178%
General	1,071,891	-	0%
Recycling	602,614	778,011	129%

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