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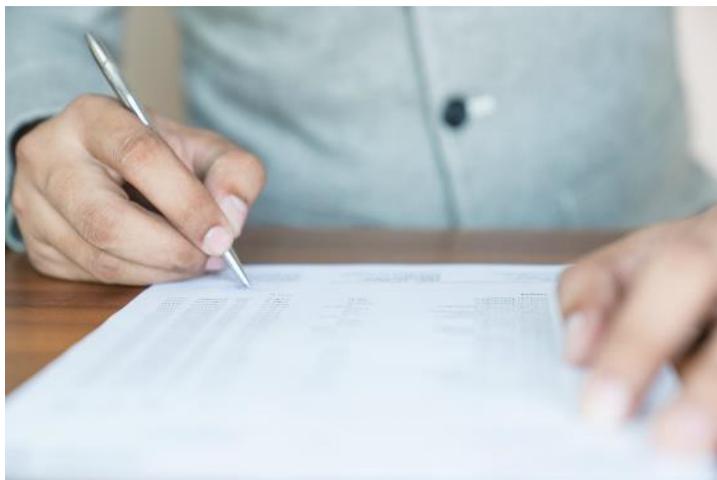
Member News

2019 WEEE and Batteries Registrations

We are currently working on Battery and WEEE registrations for the 2019 compliance year as we need to register all Battery and WEEE producers by October and November respectively.

Each year, ERP asks members to review the company details that we have on file, updating these where necessary and obtaining the necessary sign-off.

This is an important compliance exercise so please ensure that your company information is up-to-date and correct as any errors could delay your registration.



Members will also shortly receive an invoice for the 2019 ERP membership and Environment Agency producer registration fees.

If you have any questions about the confirmation of company details process or how your annual registration fees have been calculated, please feel free to contact your account manager.

Member News

REMINDER: Change to Environment Agency Fees for WEEE

For companies whose registered office is in England, the Environment Agency has confirmed that the annual producer registration fees will increase from 1st January 2019. For further details on how this may impact you, please contact your account manager.

The fees for England are set out as follows:

Environment Agency Fee (England)	Charge
Small producers	£30
Large producer not registered for VAT	£100
Large overseas producer not registered for VAT	£100
Large overseas producer registered for VAT	£375
All other scheme members	£750

The registration fees for companies whose registered office is in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland remain unchanged:

Environment Agency Fee (Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland)	Charge
Small producers / Overseas producer / Not registered for VAT	£30
Large Producers; less than £1 million turnover	£210
Large Producers; more than £1 million turnover	£445

Member News

Data Services

Each year, many businesses invest a lot of time and money calculating their packaging submissions in order to comply with the packaging waste regulations.

ERP has the longest-standing data service in the UK, assessing and calculating data for packaging, as well as EEE and batteries.

We work with customers to understand their business, products, routes to market and raw data. Then, we determine their reporting requirements, collect item weights, calculate the data and prepare it for submission.

Whether you calculate your own data, use a consultant or another data provider, please contact ERP for a quote and more information on the data services that we provide.



Has anything changed?

If you already use our data service, please let us know if there have been any changes to your business this year that may affect your next packaging submission.

Any updates that you can provide on changes to your business in 2018 will help your account manager plan for your next submission in 2019.

Account managers are already planning for the next round of data submissions in the New Year and will be contacting customers in December to remind them to send data and inform them of the submission deadlines.



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WEEE: Open Scope

Lots of discussions are taking place on how Open Scope will affect reporting from 2019 as any products that meet the definition of EEE - and do not fall under an exclusion or exemption - will need to be reported. As previously confirmed, the UK will retain its current 14 categories for EEE reporting.

The Environment Agency is due to update its guidance on the “Scope of equipment covered by the UK WEEE Regulations” and we will share this with members as soon as it is published.

Examples of products, which were previously out of scope, might include:

- clothing with light elements
- furniture with electrical functionality
- illuminated mirrored cabinets



Stay up to date

For further details on Open Scope in the UK and other European countries, please see ERP’s latest [position paper](#).

All the latest news, views and position papers from ERP and Landbell Group can also be found at this [link](#).

For more international news and analysis, please subscribe to [Landbell Group’s Environmental Compliance Report](#). The latest issue of the newsletter can be viewed [here](#).

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact your account manager.

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Taking Environmental Responsibility with ERP

We recently produced a range of "Taking Environmental Responsibility with ERP" badges which companies can use to reinforce the message that they are complying with the producer responsibility regulations by being a member of ERP's producer compliance schemes. The badges come in different sizes for different uses (see examples below).

Please contact us if you would like to use these badges on the environmental pages of your websites and brochures, or even on your sales documents, as further proof that your company is compliant.



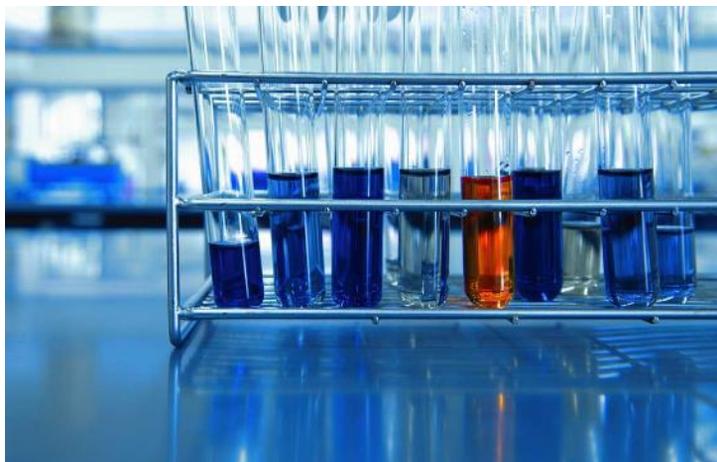
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Webinars on Biocidal Products, Brexit and Poison Centre Notifications

Our sister company, H2 Compliance, will run a series of free webinars on chemical compliance later this year.

On 2 October, the first webinar will be on the topic of using biocidal products and substances and how EU sites can be prepared for site visits by competent authorities.

Following October's European Council meeting, the UK's withdrawal treaty should be finalised and we will know whether we are heading towards a no-deal exit in March 2019.



On 13 November, H2 Compliance will therefore dedicate a webinar to discuss in detail the impact of Brexit, particularly on clients' registrations and supply chains. Please note that as this is a rapidly moving situation the date may change.

On 4 December, H2 Compliance will address the new poison centre notification system in the EU that takes effect from 1 January 2020 and how customers should prepare for this.

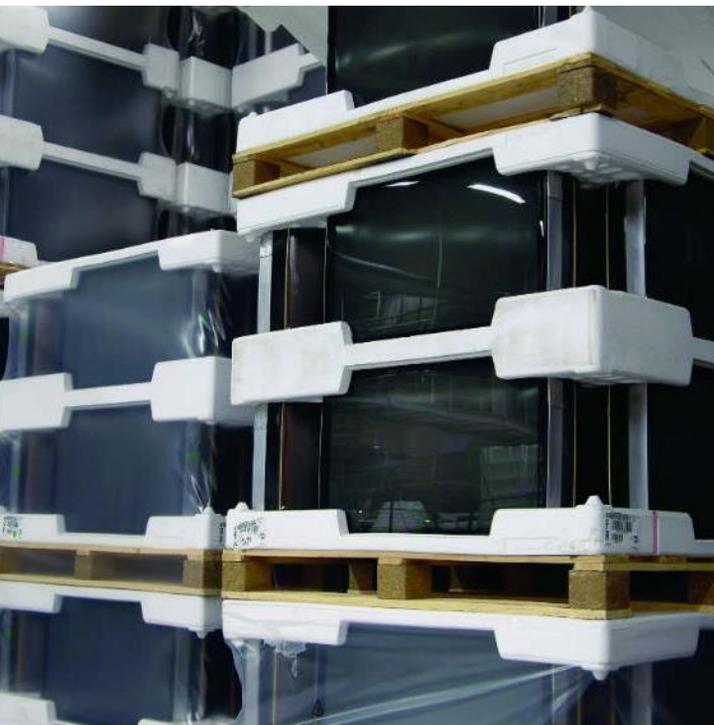
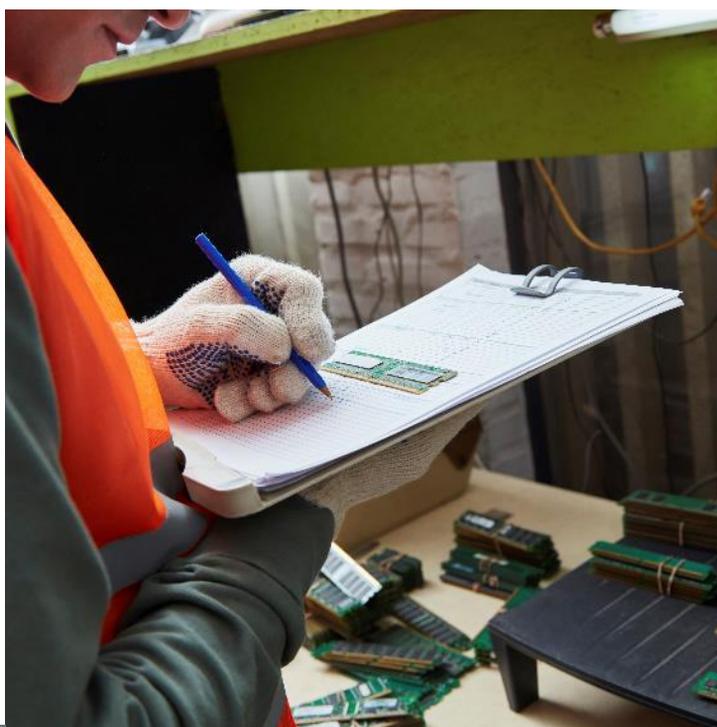
Please contact [H2 Compliance](#) for more information and to register your interest for any of the above events.

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More EPEAT services

We can now help more producers prove their green credentials! In August, the Green Electronic Council, which manages the Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT) program, formally recognized our new Smart Sustainable Supply Chain (S³) audit standard for WEEE treatment.

This means we can support producers of computers, displays, televisions, imaging equipment and mobile phones that want to achieve the EPEAT required criteria for their products or increase their overall score under the optional criteria.



EPEAT is a global rating and verification system that helps purchasers to evaluate, compare and select electronic products based on their environmental attributes. EPEAT also helps manufacturers establish the green credentials of their products.

Our Smart Sustainable Supply Chain (S³) audit programme helps producers achieve the EPEAT global rating and verification system for product take-back, rechargeable battery take-back programmes and end-of-life processing.

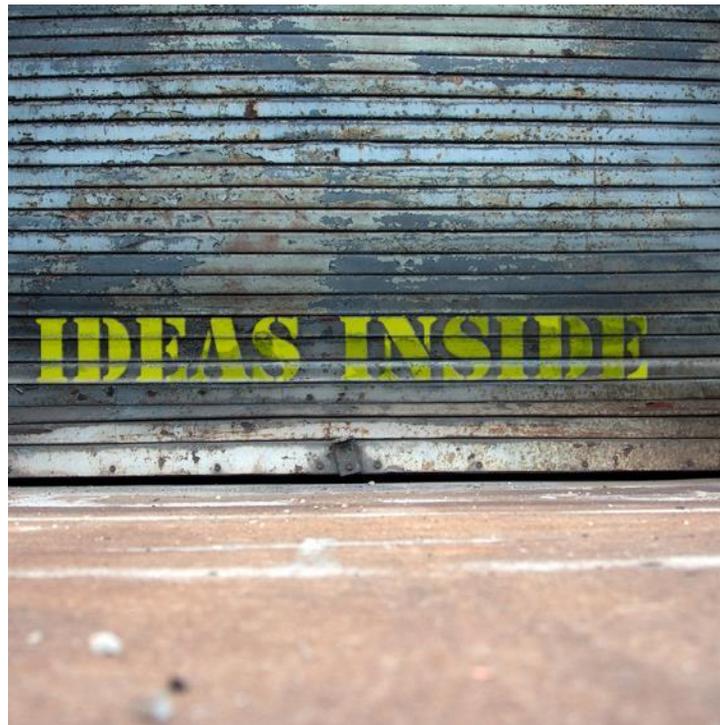
For more information, please visit [S³ audit programme](#) and [Green Electronic Council](#)

Industry News

Green Alley Award 2018 – finalists announced!

The finalists have been announced for the Green Alley Award 2018, which ERP UK is sponsoring. 'We recognise the economic and environmental opportunities of the circular economy – and the potential to transform our industry,' says John Redmayne, Managing Director of ERP UK. 'Supporting this award shows our commitment to being at the forefront of new ideas and innovation.'

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



Packaging Scheme Forum

45 packaging compliance schemes in the UK have come together to form the Packaging Scheme Forum (PSF). The aim of the PSF is to help improve packaging regulation and enforcement in the UK.

The PSF will lend its experience and expertise to discussions around packaging reform and promote dialogue with government and industry.

ERP UK is one of the schemes in the PSF and took part in the first meeting on 13th September.

Industry News

Packaging PRNs – Market Update

2018 continues to be a volatile year for the packaging compliance market. PRN prices for paper, plastic and wood have risen the most. However, aluminium PRN prices are steadily increasing, along with PRN prices for steel and glass.

Import restrictions in Asia have kept paper and plastic prices higher than in previous years, particularly for paper. And wood PRN prices have risen due to the higher recycling target and the increasing use of wood in biomass, which diverts it from the PRN market.



If there is not enough supply of paper PRNs, then it is expected that steel and glass PRNs will be used towards meeting the general recycling obligation.

We provide members with regular market updates throughout the year to keep them informed and to provide analysis for budgeting purposes.

For more information on our packaging scheme, please contact our compliance team.

Industry News

National Audit Office report on the PRN system

The National Audit Office (NAO) recently released a report on the PRN system which looks at potential fraud and errors in the system due to self-reporting and “free riding”.

The report also examines the effectiveness of the packaging regulations with regard to reducing packaging and making packaging more recyclable. The purpose of the packaging regulations is for the UK to meet packaging recycling targets, which have increased over time.



The Environment Agency’s (EA) monitoring activities have reduced in recent years, but the EA now uses a risk based approach to target businesses that have the largest impact.

The packaging regulations will be reviewed later this year as part of the packaging compliance system reform (please see over).

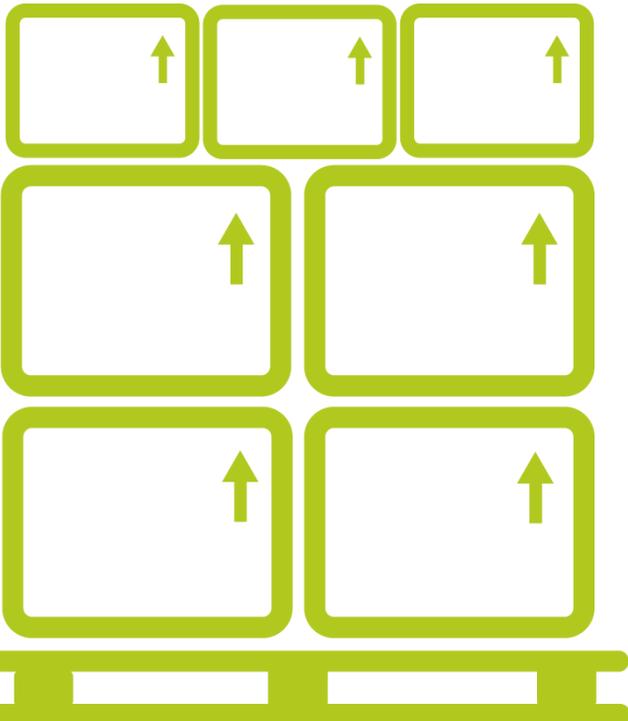
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Packaging compliance system reform

ERP contributed to the overarching recommendations for packaging system reforms which were presented to the UK Government earlier this year.

Defra is still assessing possible options for a reformed system which it is expected to introduce in a consultation before the end of the year. The consultation will also cover targets beyond 2020 and a deposit return scheme.

We will inform our members when the consultation is open and invite dialogue to hear your views.



One of the main aim of the reforms is to incentivise producers to take greater responsibility for the environmental impact of their products. Key recommendations include:

- Better packaging design - linked to modulated fees
- Mandatory national labelling - showing what is/what is not recyclable
- Higher quality and more consistent collections – with minimum collection requirements on local authorities for core materials
- Possible fiscal measures - to encourage the reuse of recycled material

Compliance News

WEEE and Batteries: data reporting

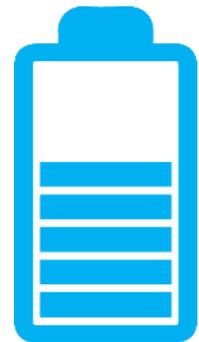
The data rounds for Q3 2018 batteries and B2C EEE are now upon us.

Please make sure you submit your data as soon as possible before 15th October 2018.

Please ensure all B2C EEE and 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 B2C EEE data from the same time period last year.



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

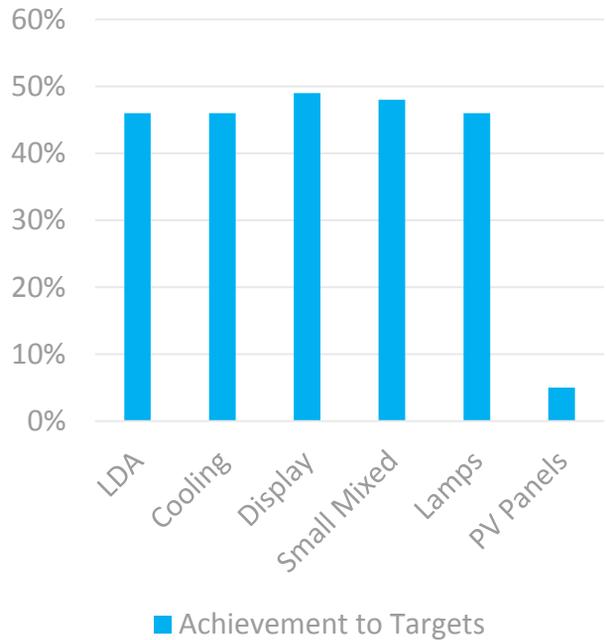
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Q2 2018 WEEE data published

The Q2 2018 WEEE collection data published by the Environment Agency highlights the continued challenges faced by the UK in meeting the 2018 targets. All streams continue to underperform compared to the same quarter last year and all streams are currently underperforming against the 2018 targets. The picture is similar to 2017 when the UK failed to meet its targets.

The amount of EEE placed on the market has also declined overall compared to the same period last year.

ERP will continue to analyse the data and update members on progress towards the targets throughout the year.



UK waste stream	Q1 + Q2 2018 UK WEEE collected	2018 DEFRA targets	Progress to targets
Large Domestic Appliances	88,281	190,171	46%
Cooling Equipment	63,698	138,891	46%
Display Equipment	24,525	50,350	49%
Small Mixed WEEE (cat 2-10)	73,267	152,060	48%
Lamps	2,557	5,517	46%
Photovoltaics	4	76	5%
Total	252,332	537,065	47%

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Q2 2018 Portable Batteries Data Published

The Q2 2018 portable batteries data published by the Environment Agency shows a 12% decline in the amount of portable batteries collected in Q2 2018 compared to Q2 2017.

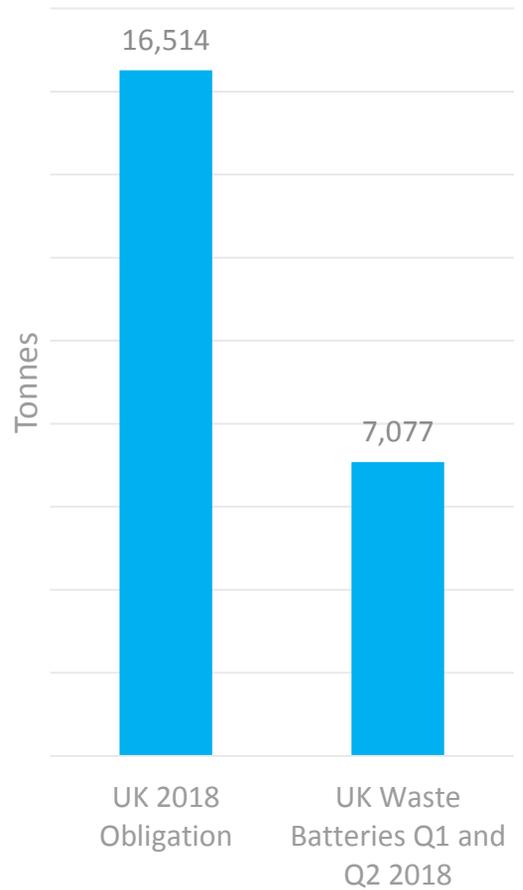
Based on the Q2 2018 data, 61% of the total batteries collected are lead acid batteries, which shows the increasing significance of this stream towards meeting the overall collection target. The breakdown per stream is as follows:

Lead acid – 324 tonnes more lead acid batteries were collected in Q2 2018 vs Q2 2017

Ni-Cd –270 tonnes fewer Ni-Cd batteries were collected in Q2 2018 vs Q2 2017

Other – 714 tonnes fewer Other batteries were collected in Q2 2018 vs Q2 2017 (a 46% decrease – see table below)

Progress to 2018 target - Based on Q2 2018 data, the UK is currently 20.40% towards meeting the 45% target (see chart above).



Chemistry Type	Percentage change Q2 2017 to Q2 2018
Lead Acid	115%
Nickel Cadmium	-37%
Other	-46%

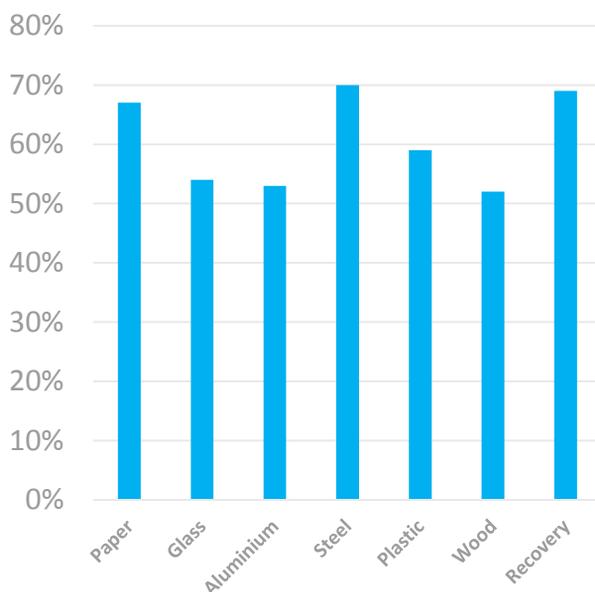
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Q2 2018 packaging recycling data

The data published in August, along with the updated obligations, shows that most materials are on track, but potential challenges still lie ahead. The exception is wood, which based on Q1 and Q2 recycling data, is below target. The overall recycling data for Q1 and Q2 also does not meet year-to-date obligations, considering that material recycling needs to fulfil general recycling obligations.

PRNs from 2017 improve the picture, but performance in the second half of the year will have to closely match the first, particularly given the expectation that carry forward tonnage will be required to meet rising targets in 2019. Export issues continue to raise concerns that recycling levels for the rest of the year may reduce, reinforcing the expectation that the market will remain challenging and volatile.

Progress towards Requirements



Material	2018 UK Obligations (tonnes)	Q1 + Q2 Recycling	YTD progress towards 2018 Requirements	Q1 + Q2 Recycling (including 2017 PRNs carried over)	Total progress towards 2018 Obligations
Paper	2,925,517	1,718,049	59%	1,968,044	67%
Glass	1,622,192	816,734	50%	871,013	54%
Aluminium	94,145	48,492	52%	50,294	53%
Steel	340,577	210,436	62%	239,147	70%
Plastic	1,044,169	537,320	51%	611,070	59%
Wood	425,101	203,248	48%	222,848	52%
General	858,621	-	-	-	-
Recovery	603,661	368,590	61%	418,803	69%

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