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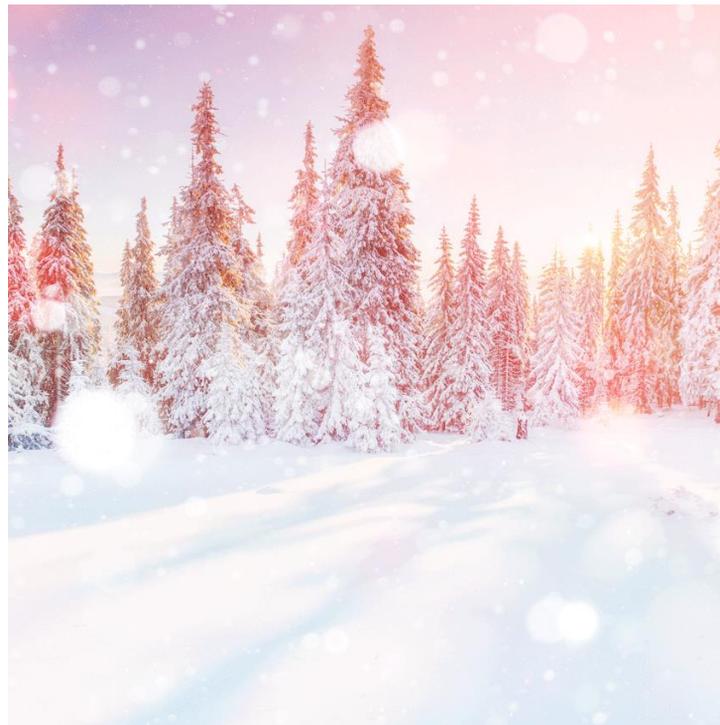
Member News

Season's Greetings!

The entire team at ERP UK would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

We have enjoyed supporting you in 2018 and look forward to doing so again in 2019.

As in previous years, we have made a Christmas donation to Unique, which provides support and information for families of children with rare chromosome disorders. You can find more information on the work that Unique does [here](#).



Customer Satisfaction Survey 2018

We want to make sure that we always provide you with the best possible service.

To do this, we recently sent out an invitation to a short online poll where you can give us your feedback.

We read and act on all responses, so please let us know how we are doing [here](#).

Member News

2019 WEEE and Batteries Registrations

We have now completed the 2019 battery and WEEE registrations on behalf of our members. All registered members will have received a certificate of registration. We would like to thank you for your support and patience during this busy time.

If you have any questions about the annual registration process - or how your annual registration fees are calculated - please contact your account manager.



Small and Large WEEE Producers

If you place 5 or more tonnes of EEE on the market during a compliance year, you need to register as a large producer. We will need to issue revised Environment Agency (EA) registration fees (and invoices) at the start of February for any companies that were initially registered as small producers and which then exceeded this threshold in 2018. This will impact 2018 and 2019 registrations.

The EA will not issue credit notes for large producers that move to being a small producer during the same year, so please consider carefully whether you are going to be a small or large producer before submitting your registration details to us.

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WEEE and Batteries: Data Reporting

The data rounds for Q4 2018 batteries, Q4 2018 B2C EEE and 2018 B2B EEE are fast approaching. We ask you kindly to:

- Submit your data as soon as possible in January and no later than 15th January 2019.
- Ensure that all EEE and batteries data being reported is made available to the UK market in the relevant reporting period (please see table below).
- Make sure that your submission is approved by a legal signatory of your company or delegated authority who has prior written consent for 2018.
- Include a brief explanation for any fluctuations in your data. Comparisons are made against the 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
2018 B2B EEE: 1st January to 31st December	Tuesday 15 th January 2019

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Packaging: Data Reporting

The 2019 packaging data submission process will begin in the New Year.

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

If you have any questions on your packaging data submission, please contact your account manager.



Data Services: Reporting

The Data Services team will also require data from customers in January 2019 to cover the 2018 calendar year.

In addition, if there were any significant changes to your business structure or activities during 2018, please let us know as soon as possible as these may affect your submission.

The Data Services department will be closed from 21st December 2018 and will re-open on 2nd January 2019.

Member News

Member Workshops 2019

Let us untangle the complexity for you!
We hope to see you at one or more of the following workshops for members next year. More details will follow in the New Year.

Q1 2019

08/02/2019 – Packaging Workshop, Lutterworth, Midlands

08/03/2019 – WEEE & Batteries Workshop, Reading

Q2 2019

27/06/2019 – WEEE & Batteries Workshop, Chiswick, London

Q3 2019

25/09/2019 – Packaging Workshop, Chiswick, London

3/10/2019 - WEEE & Batteries Workshop, Location TBC

Q4 2019

10/01/2020 - WEEE & Batteries Workshop, Lutterworth, Midlands

Additional Workshops in 2019

We propose holding additional workshops in 2019 and will send out an online poll in the new year so that you can help us choose the most convenient location for you.



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Automated Call System

To help us respond more efficiently to a growing number of calls, we have introduced an automated call system. To help you get in touch with us more quickly, please see the list of options below.

*****NB: Please continue to contact your account manager directly as usual with any queries that you have*****

Option 1 – for customer information, compliance or data services queries

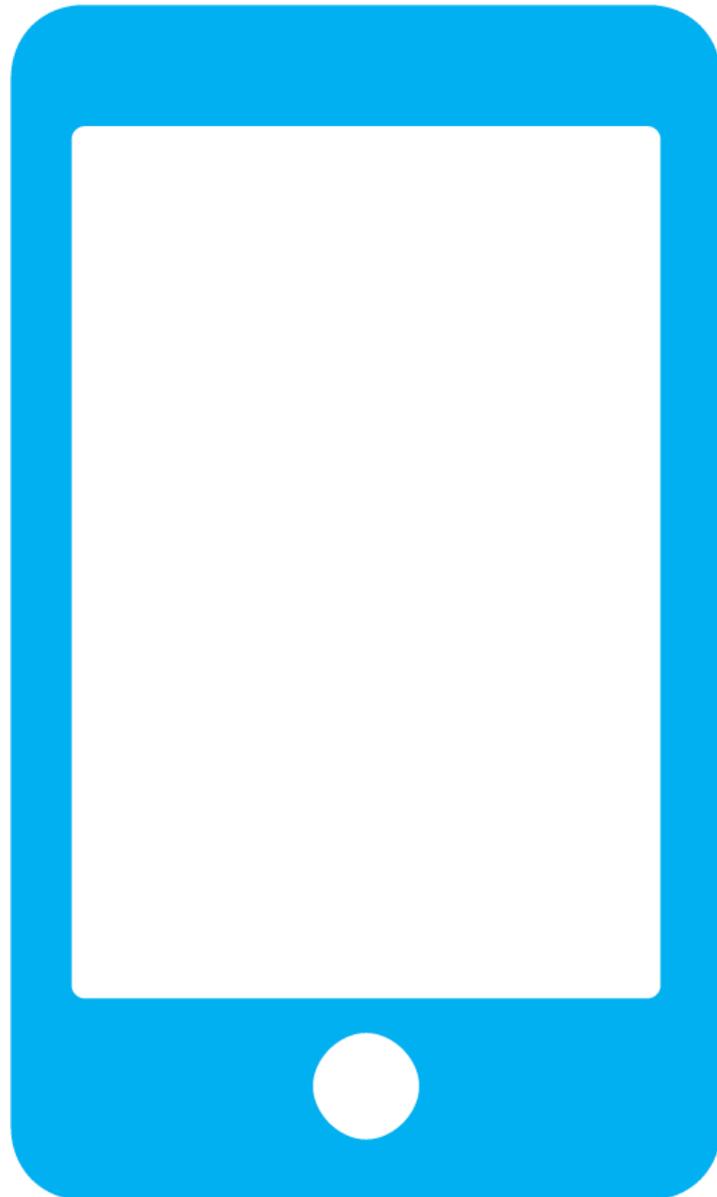
Option 2 – to request a collection of batteries from your ERP UK battery collection box or to request more collection boxes

Option 3 – to request or make a query about a WEEE collection or Waste Data Flow reports

Option 4 – to enquire about a battery box collection that has already been requested

Option 5 – for queries about WEEE evidence or other operational support

Option 6 – for Finance and all other queries



Member News

Landbell Group Environmental Compliance Report

ERP UK is a Landbell Group company.

Every month, Landbell Group produces a monthly newsletter with the latest international news, reports and regulatory updates for environmental and chemical compliance.

Subscribe to Landbell Group's Environmental Compliance Report [here](#).



Webinars

ERP UK and Landbell Group host regular webinars on important issues relating to environmental and chemical compliance. Recent topics have included WEEE Open Scope, and Brexit and Reach.

We will keep you informed of more webinars in the New Year. Please contact your account manager for more details and for links to previous webinars.

Industry News

Critical Raw Material Closed Loop Recovery Project

ERP UK is a partner on this EU-Life funded project, which will release its policy recommendations in Q1 2019 for increasing the recovery of target CRMs by 20% across Europe by 2030.

Please visit the project [website](#) for the latest case studies, project outputs and to register for the final conference, 'A Second LIFE for Critical Raw Materials' which will explore how all parties can work together to increase the recovery of critical raw materials from WEEE.



WEEE: Open Scope in the UK

In November, the UK Environment Agency published new EEE scope guidance which includes references to Open Scope. The new statutory instrument for the revised regulations – which will come into force on 1st January 2019 - has also now been published (see story on page 12).

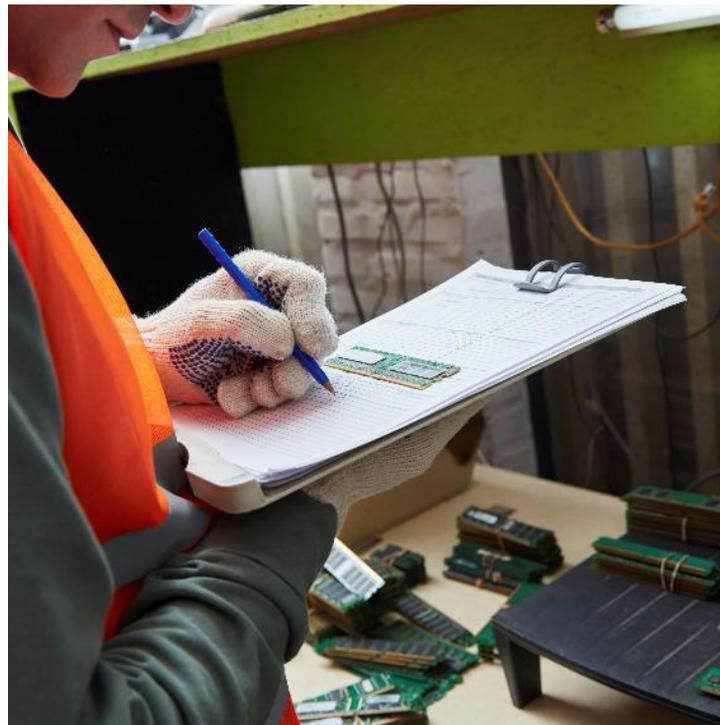
ERP UK is planning to run a member webinar on Open Scope in February 2019.

The Environment Agency's EEE scope guidance provides clearer indications as to how open scope will affect producers placing EEE onto the UK market and is available online [here](#).

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Key Points from the Online Open Scope Guidance

- The WEEE regulations apply to any product whose functionality is dependent on electricity.
- Implantable medical devices and medical devices that are expected to be infected at end-of-life are excluded - and listed to make them clearer.
- B2C luminaires are no longer covered by an exemption and will come into scope from 1st January 2019. They will be reported under category 5 (lighting equipment).
- Category 5 (lighting equipment) also covers luminaires with integrated LED light sources.
- Category 7 (toys, leisure and sports equipment) now includes details on clothing which has a fundamental feature dependant on electricity.
- Category 9 (monitoring and control equipment) includes details on electricity distribution equipment, such as fuse boxes, consumer units and circuit breakers.
- Category 12 (cooling equipment) includes the example of tumble dryers with a heat pump



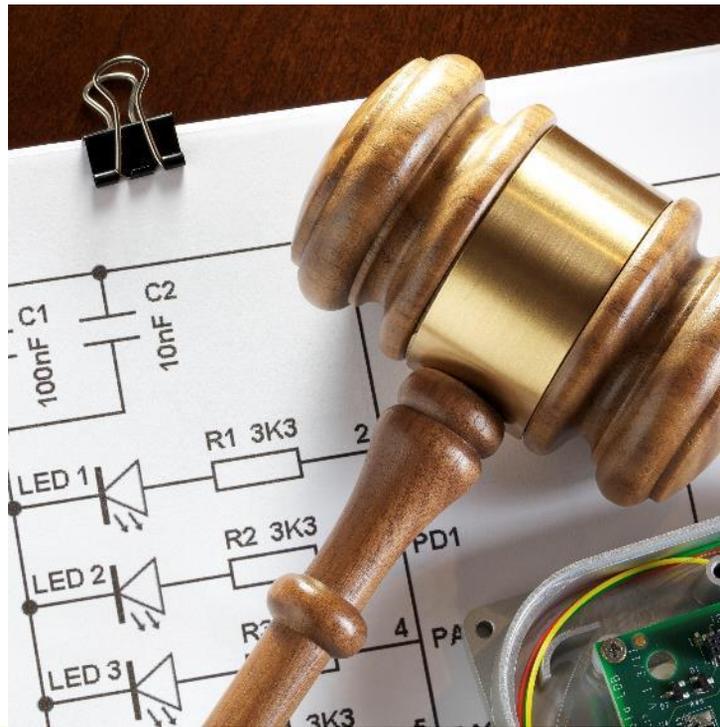
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Amendments to UK WEEE Regulations

The new Statutory Instrument with amendments to the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations has been published. The changes come into force on 1st January 2019.

Here is a summary of the amendments:

Open Scope and WEEE categories – as explained above, all EEE comes into scope unless it is specifically exempt or excluded. Reporting will remain under the current 14 categories.



Producer Balancing System (PBS) – the PBS is in place to ensure WEEE is collected from civic amenity sites which do not have a contract with a producer compliance scheme. The costs of these WEEE collections are then split between members of the PBS based on market share.

The amendments to the WEEE Regulations now make it mandatory for all producer compliance schemes to join the PBS. Proposals for administering the PBS are due by 1st March 2019 and will then be included in a consultation. The new PBS will need to be approved by the Secretary of State



Industry News

Amendments to UK WEEE Regulations - continued

Environment Agency fees – producers need to pay the relevant fees to the appropriate regulator: the Environment Agency for England; Natural Resources Wales for Wales; and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency for Scotland.

The fees are based on the location of the producer's registered office. If a producer does not have a registered office, the fees are based on its principal place of business.



Open Scope in Other Countries

With 2019 imminent, we would like to remind you that the UK's WEEE producer responsibility system uses different reporting categories.

The UK will keep the current 14 reporting categories, whereas many countries will move to the new 6 categories, which means that classification of products in Europe will differ. Please be mindful of this when reporting from 2019 onwards.

Companies can have obligations in multiple countries, so to help our members we have created a useful [summary paper](#).

Industry News

Reporting Batteries Exported from the UK

An amendment to the 2009 Batteries Regulations will allow the deduction of batteries that are exported outside of the UK from battery data reporting and will ensure that:

- UK national targets will not include batteries that will never arise as waste in the UK
- Individual producer targets are only based upon the batteries they have placed (and that stay) on the UK market
- The UK approach is in line with other EU member states

This change will impact your 2019 battery obligation, which is based on your 2017, 2018 and 2019 data.

Producers therefore have the opportunity to resubmit their 2017 and 2018 data in order to deduct any exports. Please note that resubmissions will need to meet the following requirements:

- Exports must have taken place in the same compliance year that the battery was first placed on the UK market
- You must have documentary evidence of the placing on the market and exporting (for example, invoices or bills of lading)



You will also need to resubmit the data for the quarter when the batteries were initially placed on the market, not the quarter when the batteries were exported. For example:

If the batteries were placed on the market in Q1 2018 and exported in Q2 2018 – deduct the exported batteries from your Q1 2018 placed on the market data.

If you have notified ERP UK that you are an exporter of batteries, your account manager will be in touch in the upcoming months to confirm the revised data figures and assess the documentary evidence that your company has in place.

If you have any questions about this process - or how this may affect your company - please contact your account manager.

Industry News

PRN Market Update

This year has seen unprecedented activity and pressure on the UK packaging market.

The PRN market is always susceptible to price fluctuations - caused by shifts in supply and demand - but the number of materials that have been significantly affected by market forces in 2018 is exceptional.

This has caused prices across the market to rise throughout the year.

ERP UK provides supporting documents and background information before issuing packaging invoices, which explains the market forces affecting PRNs and their influence on prices.

If you are a packaging producer, we urge you to please read these updates.

The following pages contain a summary of the most recent impacts.



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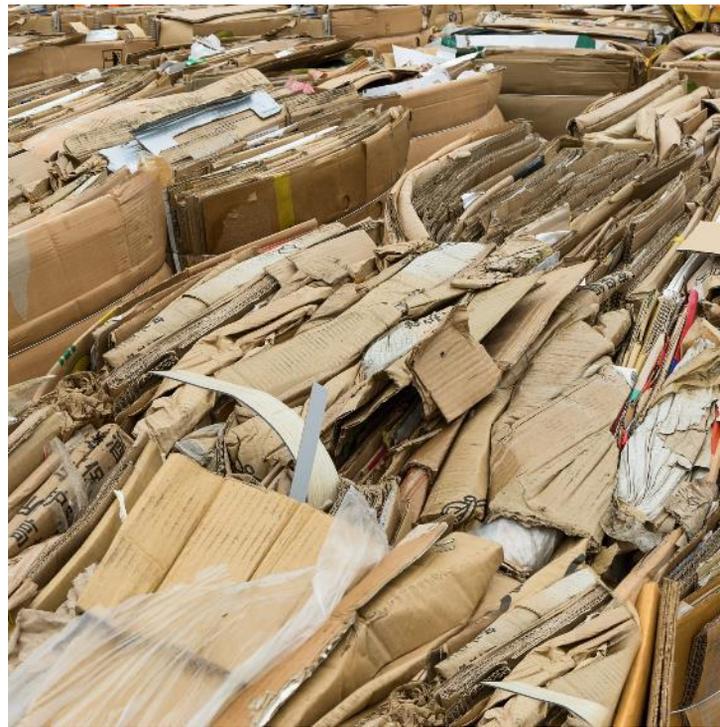
China has imposed strict guidelines on the quality and contamination levels of imported waste paper, which UK exports must meet. This has reduced the volumes of waste being exported for recycling and therefore the amount of available evidence (PRNs).

Recent delays by the Chinese authorities in issuing import licences has also reduced shipments to China for recycling, whilst other recycling markets in the Far East have begun to introduce restrictions.

As paper is normally one of the cheaper PRNs, it is usually used to meet general recycling obligations.

However, concerns over whether enough paper PRNs will be generated has increased paper PRN prices.

The price of other materials such as **steel** and **glass** has also risen as they are bought to meet general recycling obligations.



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Aluminium

The price of aluminium PRNs has risen dramatically in 2018, amid concerns over a shortage of PRNs - although recycling data shows that the UK should meet the target.

Plastic

China has also introduced stricter guidelines on the quality of waste plastics being imported for recycling, reducing exports for recycling, and therefore raising demand and driving up PRN prices.



Wood

The recycling target for wood rose by 16% (from 22% in 2017 to 38% in 2018), thereby increasing demand for wood PRNs.

Waste wood is also being diverted from recycling to biomass, with government subsidies offered to biomass initiatives. This has reduced the amount of waste wood being made available to re-processors for recycling and therefore the amount of PRNs.

Like paper, wood is usually one of the cheaper PRNs and is normally used to meet general recycling obligations. However, higher demand for wood PRNs has also increased pressure on paper and other materials, driving up prices significantly.

Industry News

UK Packaging Regulation Reform

The Resources and Waste Strategy should be published shortly, which will be followed by consultations on: reform of the packaging producer responsibility system; recycling and recovery targets beyond 2020; and a deposit return scheme. The consultation period is expected to last three months.

The reforms will aim to reduce the environmental impact of packaging and make producers more responsible for their packaging. The reforms will also contribute to the requirements of the government's 25 Year Environment Plan and the Circular Economy Package.



Concern over Aluminium PRNs and Plastic PRN Fraud Investigations

Concern that the aluminium PRN market is being artificially manipulated has drawn the attention of producer compliance schemes and the Advisory Committee on Packaging. It has also caused the Competition and Markets Authority to be alerted. More information [here](#).

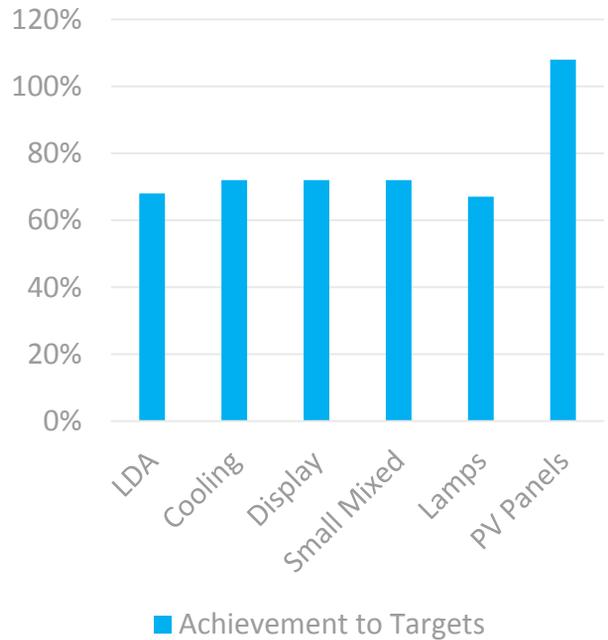
Several plastic exporters are also under investigation over concerns of fraud. An [article](#) in The Guardian newspaper suggests that information has been passed to the Environment Agency highlighting a discrepancy of 35,135 tonnes of exported plastic with what has been recorded by HM Customs.

Compliance Data

Environment Agency Publishes Q3 2018 WEEE Data

With the exception of PV panels, the latest WEEE data shows that all streams are tracking slightly below the 75% that would be expected to meet the targets. As collections tend to be lower in Q4, the figures suggest a shortfall in volumes against the targets and therefore a need for government to approve the use of a compliance fee again.

Compared to Q3 2017, the amount of WEEE collected in Q3 2018 is down by 7%, with display equipment showing the most significant decrease (15%). Less EEE was also put on the market, with the exception of display equipment. This is normal for a World Cup year!



UK waste stream	Q1 - Q3 2018 UK WEEE collected	2018 DEFRA targets	Progress to targets
Large Domestic Appliances	128,560	190,171	68%
Cooling Equipment	100,476	138,891	72%
Display Equipment	36,278	50,350	72%
Small Mixed WEEE (cat 2-10)	109,177	152,060	72%
Lamps	3,701	5,517	67%
Photovoltaics	82	76	108%
Total	378,275	537,065	70%

Compliance Data

Environment Agency Publishes Q3 2018 Portable Batteries Data

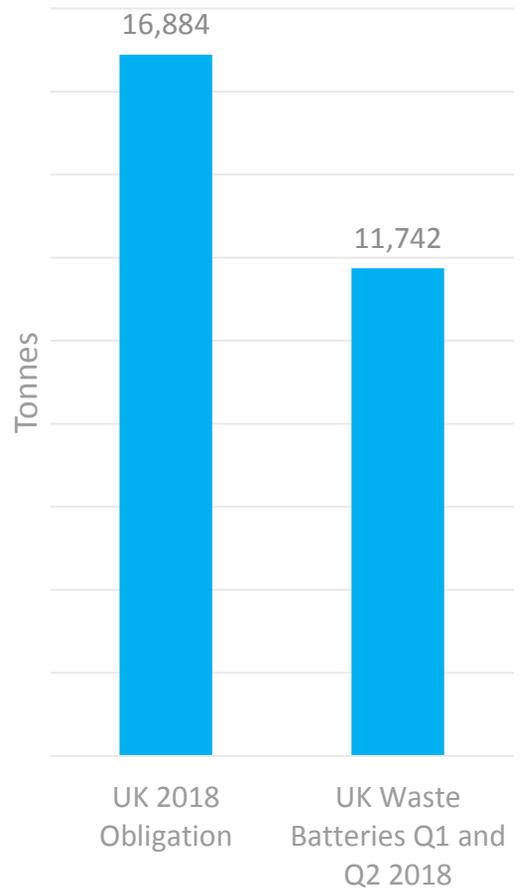
The Q3 battery data reveals a significant increase on total batteries collected in Q3 2017 (1,600 tonnes) and Q2 2018 (1,378 tonnes). 62% of total batteries collected in Q3 2018 are lead acid batteries.

Lead acid – small decrease on this time last year (50 tonnes) and Q2 2018 (130 tonnes).

Ni-Cd – increase from this time last year (100 tonnes), but very similar to Q2 2018.

Other – significant increase from Q3 2017 (over 1,500 tonnes), but much the same on Q2 2018.

Progress towards the 2018 target is currently 31.83%. The 2018 target for the UK is 45%.



Chemistry Type	Percentage change Q3 2017 to Q3 2018
Lead Acid	-2%
Nickel Cadmium	166%
Other	285%
Total	53%

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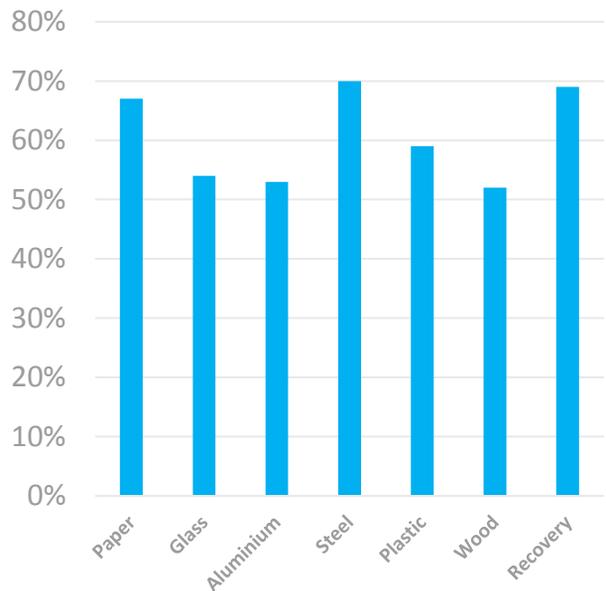
Q3 2018 Packaging Recycling Data

The latest data and updated producer obligations were published in November, showing that the UK appears to be on course to meet the 2018 recycling targets.

Paper and steel have made the most progress, but plastic and wood look to be lagging slightly behind, along with glass. Carry over from 2017 PRNs will be key towards meeting the 2018 obligations.

Although paper has made very good progress, it is still the prime candidate for meeting the general recycling obligation, putting further pressure on the supply of PRNs to achieve this. It is also possible that surplus steel will contribute to general recycling this year.

Progress towards Requirements



Material	2018 UK Obligations (tonnes)	Q1 - Q3 2018 Recycling	YTD progress towards 2018 Requirements	Q1 - Q3 Recycling (including 2017 PRNs carried over)	Total progress towards 2018 Obligations
Paper	2,993,925	2,672,055	89%	2,922,050	97.60%
Glass	1,679,563	1,225,033	73%	1,279,312	76.17%
Aluminium	96,301	76,506	79%	78,308	81.32%
Steel	350,815	316,289	90%	345,000	98.34%
Plastic	1,073,085	779,025	73%	852,775	79.47%
Wood	431,055	329,617	76%	349,217	81.01%
General	875,090	-	-	-	-
Recovery	620,009	544,416	88%	594,629	95.91%

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