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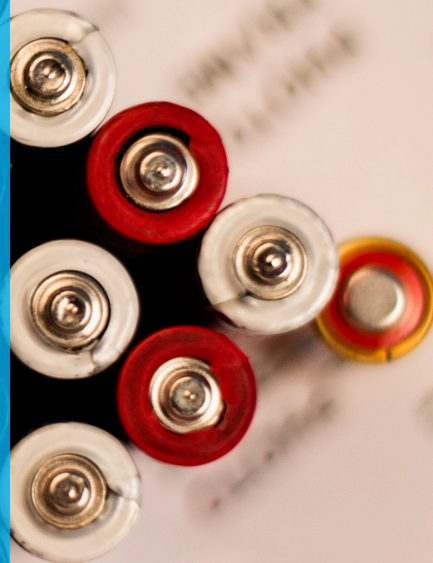
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An update from our Managing Director

Welcome Autumn

As this new season rolls in, it has brought with it many challenges to the sector.

DEFRA released responses to the consultations on Packaging EPR reform, DRS, Plastics Tax and Collections Consistency. Not surprisingly there were many divergent responses – the most significant next step will be a more detailed consultation on Packaging EPR – expected in early 2020.

POPs in legacy WEEE plastics has been a taking up a significant amount of our time.

ERP and its members are committed to being compliant with legislation and we expect the whole of the UK WEEE sector to move to a position compliant with the revised POPs Regulations.

As you would expect, ERP have been very active in:

- Seeking to understand the research carried out for the Industry Council for Electronic Equipment Recycling (ICER)
- Understanding the advice of the environment agencies and its practical and financial implications for reprocessors
- Keeping our members informed



ERP played a key role in bringing together the AATF forum, British Metals Recycling Association and the WEEE Schemes Forum to write to senior officials at DEFRA and the Environment Agency proposing a cross-sector working group to facilitate the UK WEEE sector moving to a compliant position and to address some of the practical issues thrown up by the changes. ERP is on the ‘Industry Resolver Group’ set up as a result of this.

ERP also presented on POPs from a scheme and producer perspective at the recent Letsrecycle WEEE conference held at Lord’s Cricket Ground.

We have recorded a webinar for our members in response to common questions received – see next page for details.

There really is never a dull day!

John Redmayne

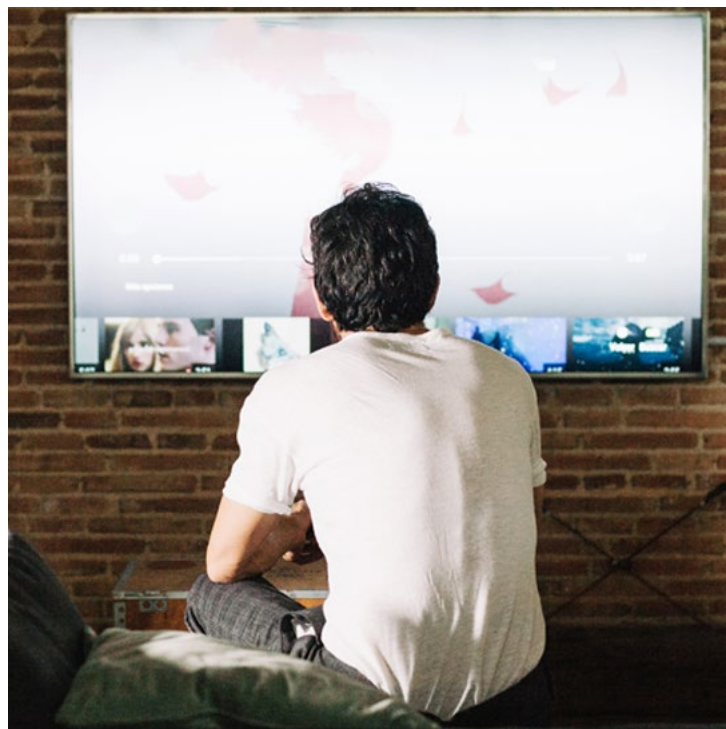
Member News - WEEE

Persistent Organic Pollutants in WEEE and its effect on B2C Producers

A recent change to the EU POPs Regulations has resulted in the small mixed WEEE & display equipment waste streams being classed as **hazardous material**. This change will significantly impact producers and Approved Authorised Treatment Facilities, as new processes generate higher costs.

To address questions raised by members in relation to the new regulations, our Managing Director has created a short webinar – “**POPs in Legacy WEEE Plastics**”.

If you would like access to this recording, please contact your UK compliance account manager.



The UK inches closer to a WEEE Regulations consultation

Following the launch of and recent response to, the UK Packaging Waste Regulations by DEFRA earlier this year - **Senior Policy Advisor, Graeme Vickery**, has confirmed that a similar review of the UK WEEE Regulations will be coming soon.

ERP will continue to monitor developments around the consultation, communicating any further information as and when it becomes available.



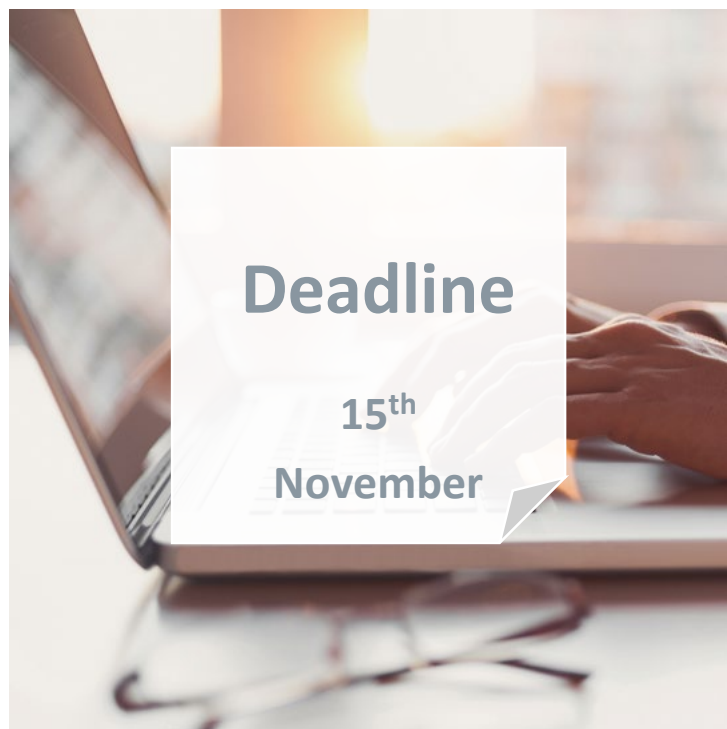
Member News - WEEE

UK WEEE registrations 2020

Our UK compliance team will be working to ensure all of our WEEE members are registered for 2020 by the **15th November**.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind members that we need to **confirm your registration details and update any required information**.

Should you have a related query, please contact your account manager or our UK Compliance Team at ukcompliance@erp-recycling.org.



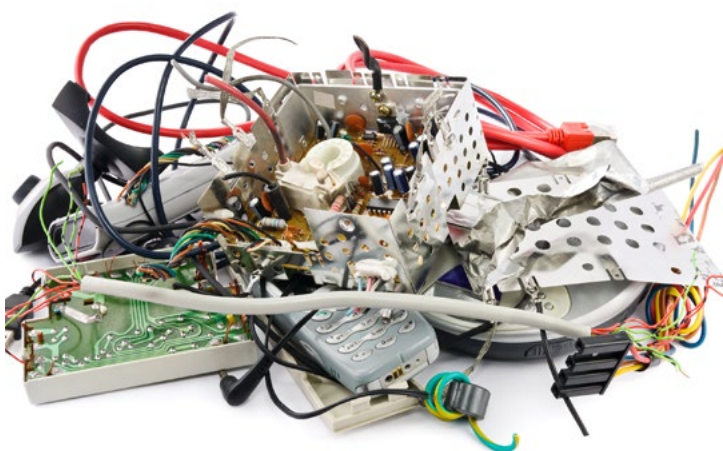
Will the UK miss its 2019 WEEE recycling targets?

With higher targets for 2019 and Q2's recycling data less than positive, it seems likely that the UK will miss its targets for a third year.

Should this take place, some compliance schemes will need to pay a compliance fee on behalf of their members.

In this recent article, our Managing Director weighs in on the challenge many producers and compliance schemes face in meeting this year's WEEE recycling targets.

More here: <http://bit.ly/2lt1bwv>



Member News – Data Services

Data services reporting

The **data services team will require data from customers in early 2020** to cover the 2019 calendar year. If you anticipate any problems providing data or have had any significant change in business activities during 2019 please contact your data services account manager.

In addition, data collection activities are currently being carried out to keep the packaging weights' database up to date. As such, account managers may be in contact to discuss specific details.

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



Meet with your data services account managers

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

Site visits are a good way for our team to keep informed of the practices of our clients and to help ensure we have all the necessary information to create an accurate submission.

Any assistance clients can provide during these visits will be beneficial for the next submission period.

Member News - Batteries

2020 battery registrations

The deadline for battery compliance schemes to register their members for the next compliance period is **15th October**.

ERP is working hard to ensure all battery registrations are in place and ready to go for the deadline later this month.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind members that we need to **confirm your registration details and update any required information**.

Please contact your account manager for more information if you have not yet completed this.



Industry News

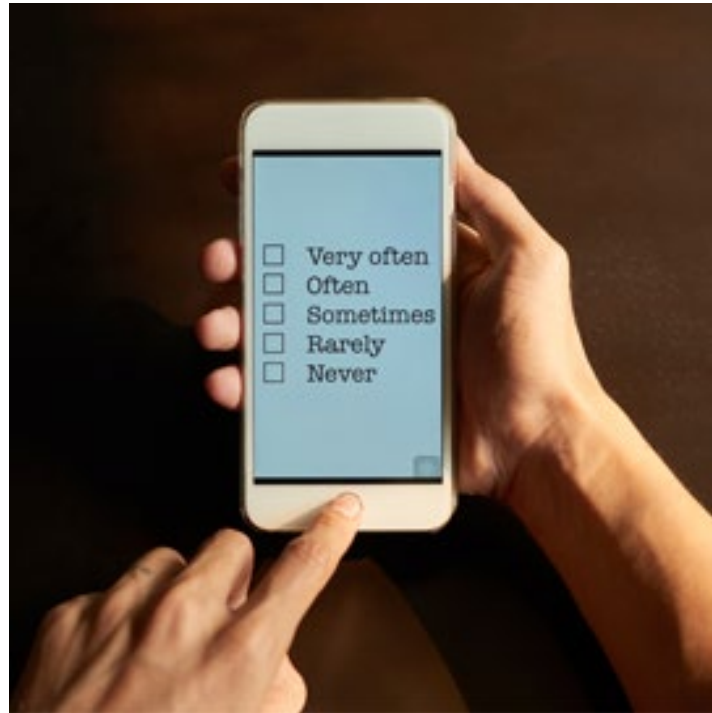
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What do you enjoy most? How can we make it better - we'd love to know!

Take our quick survey (**less than 3 minutes**) and help us to deliver content that better suits you.

Newsletter survey: <http://bit.ly/2005hvJ>



Harmonisation of WEEE reporting

The European Commission has published its **“Implementing regulation establishing the format for registration and reporting of producers of EEE to the register”**.

The goal of the legislation is to provide a harmonised data structure and format for the registration and reporting of producers of EEE member states.

Whilst this regulation will be applied from Jan 1st 2020 **there will be no changes to UK reporting**.

ERP UK will continue to ensure our clients meet their reporting requirements. In addition, as part of the Landbell Group, we can assist you with registration and/or reporting in other countries.

Industry News

New Ecodesign and standard impacts EEE products within the EU

The European Commission have adopted new ecodesign measures as part of the Ecodesign and Energy Labelling Package.

These measures aim to ensure electrical products last longer and are more easily repaired.

These regulations will impact non-commercial, commercial and industrial products including (but not limited to): refrigerators, washing machines, dishwashers, electronic displays (including televisions), external power suppliers, electric motors and vending machines.



FREE ERP UK battery box collections and deliveries

Need help recycling your portable batteries safely and securely?

ERP UK offers a **FREE battery box delivery and collections service** from over 17,500 collection points across the UK.

If you'd like to book a collection, request battery boxes or find out more information about this service, visit: www.erp-recycling.org/uk/battery-request/



Industry News

Packaging compliance fee update

Following on from the exceptional increases in plastic and aluminium PRN prices and concerns over the UK being able to meet obligations, the Packaging Scheme Forum (PSF) proposed to the government that a form of ‘safety net’ – a packaging compliance fee be introduced in 2019.

In response to this request, the Advisory Committee on Packaging, stated such legislative changes could only be implemented at the earliest in 2020.

More to follow in the next coming months.



ERP UK offers OPRL and Plastic Pact reporting

ERP UK offers a [data consultancy service](#) whereby we deliver accurate data submissions for the battery, packaging and WEEE regulations on behalf of producers.

We also offer OPRL (On-Pack Recycling Label) and Plastic Pact reporting.

For more information on this service or to request a free quotation please contact: ukdataservices@erp-recycling.org.

Industry News

The Green Alley Award finale

Today, **October 17th** six startups from all over Europe will convene in Berlin to vie for the prestigious Green Alley Award.

As proud sponsors of Europe's 'first startup' prize for the circular economy, we wish all the finalists good luck:

[Cellugy](#), [Gelatex](#), [Flustix](#), [Venvirotech](#), [Living Packets](#) and [RMF Tech](#)



Landbell Group helps create a recyclable plastic

A group of scientists at the US Department of Energy's Lawrence Berkley National Laboratory - including researcher, Landbell's Peter Christensen - may have developed a plastic that can be recycled indefinitely.

It is thought that this discovery could greatly reduce the amount of plastic waste that ends up in the ocean and landfills.

For more information on this story:
<http://bit.ly/2Mj0kcl>

Industry News

PRN market update

2019 has seen the highest ever prices recorded for PRNs in the UK since the Packaging Waste Regulations came into force in 1997. The materials with the most concern are plastic and aluminium.

Plastic

The market has been tight due to increased UK obligations and increasing numbers of foreign markets introducing restrictions on the importing of plastic waste for recycling.

High PRN prices are resulting in more material going through the system, which should then improve recycling rates. However, we are still awaiting Q3's recycling data to gauge whether the UK will be able to meet its plastic recycling target.



Aluminium

Prices for aluminium PRNs have continued to increase significantly, with market prices reaching as high as £450 per tonne in September.

This is due to market factors, as well as recycling data suggesting the UK is not on track to meeting the 2019 target.

With continued uncertainty across the UK, and the pressures on plastic and aluminium PRNs, prices could remain high going into and throughout 2020.

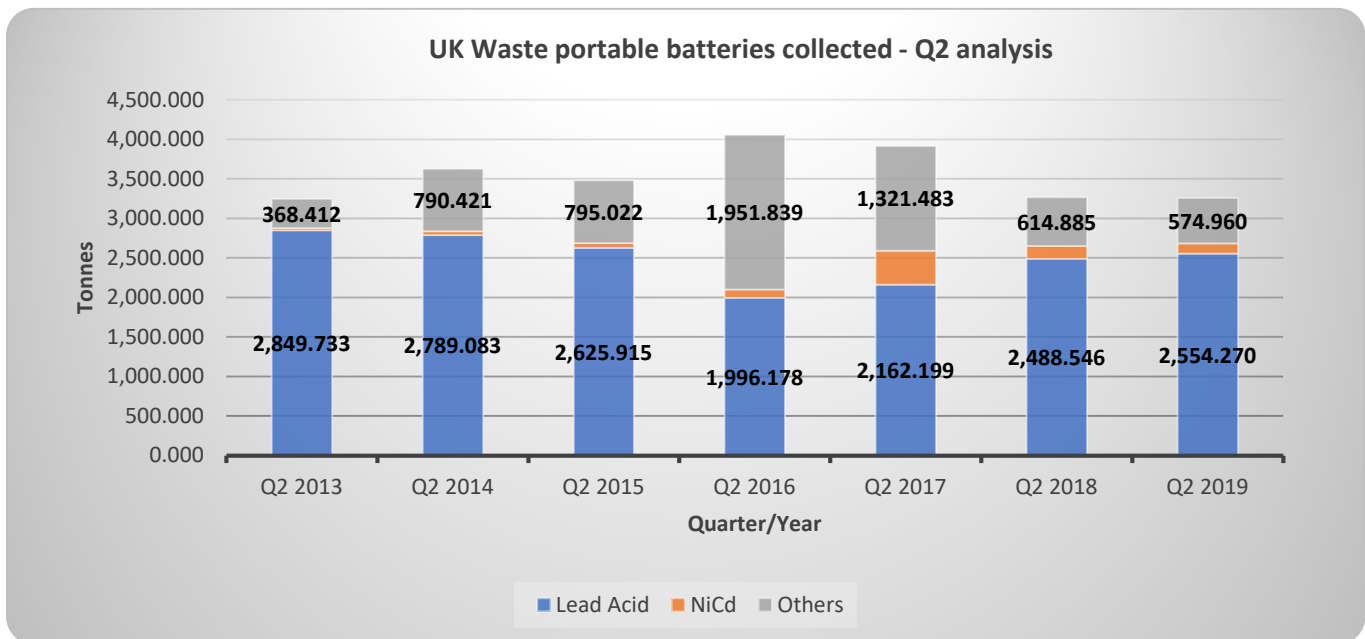


Compliance Data - Batteries

Batteries: UK government data analysis

At the end of August, the Environment Agency published the Q2 2019 battery data. This showed the amount of waste portable batteries collected during Q2 2019 was slightly lower than Q2 2018 overall.

Based on Q1 and Q2 2019 data, the UK has so far achieved 22.06% towards the 45% target.



Compliance Data - Packaging

Packaging: UK government data analysis

The Environment Agency published the Q2 2019 recycling data in the summer. Our analysis of the data shows that most materials are expected to be in surplus for meeting the 2019 obligations.

Unfortunately, there are still concerns with aluminium and plastic where current projections towards 2019 obligations are showing a shortfall for both materials. As of Q2, aluminium is at 46% towards target and plastic is at 48%. Even with the 2018 PRN carry over, aluminium is projected to reach 95% of the 2019 obligation and plastic 98%. Compared to Q1 2019, both aluminium and plastic saw an improvement in performance (14% and 15% respectively).

As always, we will continue to review how the UK's recycling is performing against 2019 obligations.

Material	2019 UK Obligations (tonnes)	Q1-Q2 2019 Recycling	Achievement In Q2 towards 2019 Requirements	2018 PRNs carried over)	Projected year achievement towards 2019 Obligations
Paper	2,954,031	1,909,260	65%	163,192	135%
Glass	1,721,829	871,072	51%	69,383	105%
Aluminium	111,533	51,149	46%	3,280	95%
Steel	379,348	203,532	54%	16,561	112%
Plastic	1,092,337	523,482	48%	23,009	98%
Wood	441,423	319,712	72%	27,025	151%
Recovery	608,404	325,223	53%	50,919	115%

Compliance Data – WEEE

WEEE: UK government data analysis

Following release of the Q2 2019 recycling data by the Environment Agency, our analysis shows there has been a 7% decrease compared to Q2 2018 and overall, the recycling performance is quite similar to Q1 2019. Display equipment has seen the largest decrease though, where Q2 2019 is 14% lower than Q2 2018 and 6% lower than Q1 2019.

Based on the amount of WEEE collected during both Q1 and Q2 2019, there is a shortfall against the 2019 DEFRA targets. For the first half of 2019, it would be expected that the UK is at 50% of the target however, the overall progress is only at 44%.

Small Mixed WEEE is of particular concern due to the increased target seen for 2019 (with only 41% of the year's required tonnage having been collected). This is due to the increased target for 2019 and reflects concerns raised by ERP when draft targets were released for consultation.

UK Waste Stream	Q1-Q2 2019 UK WEEE collected	2019 DEFRA targets	Progress to targets
Large Domestic Appliances	85,024	188,282	45%
Cooling Equipment	63,764	135,415	47%
Display Equipment	22,360	48,708	46%
Small Mixed WEEE (cat 2-10)	70,649	172,919	41%
Lamps	2,360	5,168	46%
Photovoltaics	22	87	25%
Total	244,181	550,579	44%

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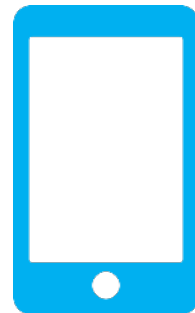
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