

A hand in a white sleeve is dropping a coin into a glass jar. The jar is filled with various coins and is sitting on a wooden surface. A blue semi-transparent overlay covers the left side of the image, containing text.

## In this edition...

- 4-8 Member News
- 9-12 Industry News
- 13-15 Compliance Data
- 16 Get in Touch



# An update from our Managing Director

In our Q3 newsletter I highlighted the issues caused to WEEE processing in the UK by the changes in the POPs Regulations.

The WEEE sector has been working through the changes required with the engagement of both the environment agencies and government. Challenges and significantly higher costs of operation remain – but some of the uncertainties operators of AATFs were facing are now resolved.

ERP has been very busy on this topic at both the sector level and operations level – where our team has been going into detail with each of our WEEE suppliers as part of our tender process. A more detailed briefing is being provided to our WEEE members.

Compliance for Waste Batteries and Accumulators also continues to be challenging in the UK. We are pleased to be working with producer trade associations and others on suggestions for possible future changes to the Regulations ready to contribute to European and UK government consultations anticipated in 2020.

Just to complete the sense of ‘action on all fronts’ the PRN markets continue to be challenging – particularly for plastic and aluminium (see Industry News). Our team have had a consistent strategy for buying PRNs for members throughout the year and this looks to once again be ensuring we will achieve compliance and weather the worst excesses of price volatility.



## Happy Holidays from ERP UK

In lieu of sending Christmas cards to our customers and suppliers this year, ERP has made a donation to two charities - Smart Works and Unique - on behalf of our members. For more information on these charities' amazing work see <http://bit.ly/2Yyag6w>.

Lastly, on behalf of ERP I would like to take a moment to thank our members for their loyalty and co-operation – we are grateful for the trust that you place in us.

We wish you all the best over the holidays and we look forward to working with you in the new year

**John Redmayne**

# Member News

## 2020 Member workshop dates released

Join us for next year's workshops for a day of regulatory updates, advice and networking.

To book your place, please email the Compliance Team at [ukcompliance@erp-recycling.org](mailto:ukcompliance@erp-recycling.org)

### Q4 2019

10/01/2020 – **WEEE & Batteries Workshop**, Lutterworth, Midlands, LE17 4XN

### Q1 2020

06/02/2020 – **Packaging Workshop**, Lutterworth, Midlands, LE17 4XN

06/03/2020 – **WEEE & Batteries Workshop**, Holiday Inn Reading South, Reading, RG2 0SL

### Q2 2019

18/06/2020 – **WEEE & Batteries Workshop**, Barley Mow Centre, Chiswick, W4 4PH

### Q3 2019

16/09/2020 – **Packaging Workshop**, Barley Mow Centre, Chiswick, W4 4PH

7/10/2019 - **WEEE & Batteries Workshop**, Location TBC\*

### Q4 2019

07/01/2021 - **WEEE & Batteries Workshop**, Lutterworth, Midlands, LE17 4XN



### \*Please vote for your Q3 workshop location

We endeavour to ensure our workshops are conveniently located for all of our members.

With this in mind, we would appreciate your help in choosing the **Q3 WEEE and Batteries workshop location** for 2020.

Follow the link to submit your suggestion: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/63ZHR76>.

# Member News

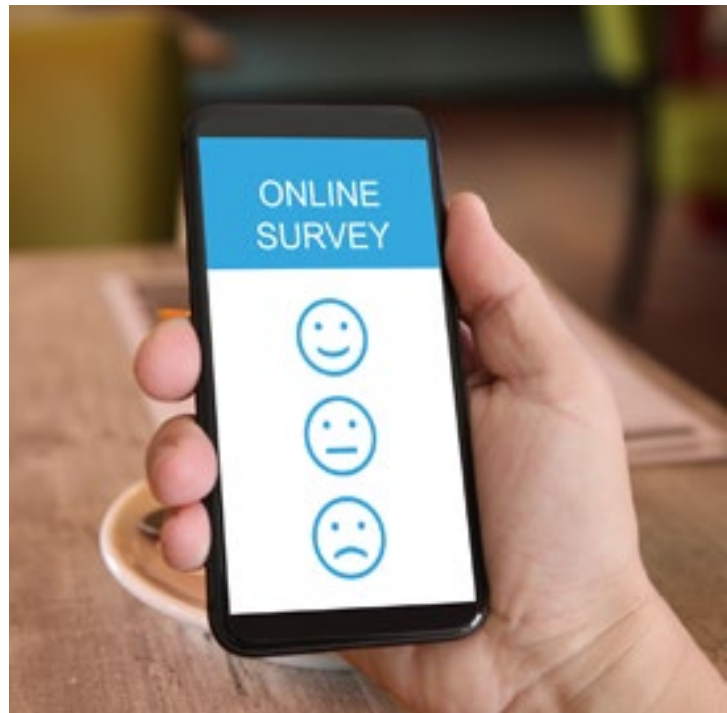
## Annual customer satisfaction survey

ERP are conducting a survey to evaluate the service we provide to your company. The survey consists of **5 questions and takes approximately 2 mins** to complete.

We value your feedback and can assure you that all of your comments will be reviewed.

Thank you for your participation, we appreciate your support in helping us to improve our service delivery.

[Complete survey](#)



## 2020 WEEE & Battery registrations

We have now completed the 2020 registrations for our WEEE and Battery members. Members will shortly be receiving a copy of their registration certificates.

Thank you for your support and assistance during this period. If you have any questions about your registration or annual registration fees, then please feel free to contact your account manager.

# Member News

## WEEE & Batteries data reporting

The data rounds for **Q4 2019 batteries**, **Q4 2019 B2C EEE**, and **2019 B2B EEE** are quickly approaching, with producers due to submit their data no later than **January 15<sup>th</sup> 2020**. As such, we kindly ask producers to:

- Ensure that all EEE and batteries data being reported is for items made available to the UK market in the relevant reporting periods (see table below);
- Have submissions approved by a legal signatory of the company or delegated authority who has prior written consent for 2019, and
- Account for any fluctuations in data by including a brief explanation within the data submission as comparisons are made by the environment agencies against the data from the same period of the previous year.

Contact your account manager should you require any support with data submissions

Reporting Periods	Reporting Deadlines
Q1: 1 <sup>st</sup> January to 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
Q2: 1 <sup>st</sup> April to 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2019
Q3: 1 <sup>st</sup> July to 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
Q4: 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct to 31 <sup>st</sup> December	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
2019 B2B EEE: 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan to 31 <sup>st</sup> December	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2020

# Member News

## Packaging data reporting

The 2020 packaging data submissions process will begin in the New Year.

Please note that we will be contacting our members shortly to remind you of the deadlines.

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



## Data services customers

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 2020** to cover the 2019 calendar year.

In addition, please let us know as soon as possible if there have been **any significant changes to your business structure or activities** during 2019 as these may affect your submission.

*The Data Services department will be closed from the afternoon of December 24 and re-open on January 2*



# Member News

## Meet the ERP team: Jessica

This quarter we introduce our Membership Compliance Manager, Jessica.

### **Q: How long have you been with ERP UK?**

**A:** I joined straight after university in 2008 as part of DHL's 2 year graduate scheme. My last placement in the graduate scheme was in the Compliance Team and I have been part of that team ever since then.

I moved across to ERP UK in January 2017 after their acquisition of DHL's Compliance and Data Services activities.

### **Q: What does a typical day look like for you?**

**A:** Every day is different! It very much depends on what regulatory deadlines are coming up and what support our customers need.

During peak periods, I am busy ensuring our customers are registered with the Environment Agency and that they are reporting their data as accurately as possible.

On a day-to-day, I provide support to our customers. This may include auditing through site visits or desk reviews, account meetings and calls, regulatory training and responding to incoming phone calls and emails.

**Q: Are there any accomplishments that your team has achieved this year that you are particularly proud of?**



**A:** The team achieve a lot throughout the year, especially when it comes to preparing Environment Agency submissions for annual registrations and data reporting, which takes place in such a short space of time.

To give an example, after the end of each quarter we must collect and process data submissions from nearly 190 B2C WEEE Producers and just over 100 Battery Producers within the space of one month!

The team work hard throughout the whole month to make sure we meet our deadline, and ultimately make sure our members are compliant.

[Continue the interview here.](#)



# Industry News

## Calling all sustainability leaders!

Looking for inspiration as you lead your business in the journey to circularity?

Whether your company is taking its first steps, or you are mapping a new strategy, **edie Sustainability Leaders Forum** is the event for you.

Join **Landbell Group** next year as we discuss ways in which the industry can contribute to the acceleration of the circular economy.

[Register here](#)



## Battery Recycling Europe Feb 19 - 20, 2020

### Battery Recycling Europe conference

Join us for the much anticipated **Battery Recycling Europe conference** in London, Feb 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>.

The two-day conference is expected to draw attendees from across the sector including battery recyclers and collection scheme operators.

ERP UK's Managing Director, John Redmayne, is a confirmed speaker and will deliver a presentation on Day 1 focusing on the UK and European perspective on Producer Compliance for portable batteries.

[Register here](#)

# Industry News

## Bioplastics production boost

The industry is witnessing an increase in bioplastics production capacity due to a surge in demand for more sustainable products.

However, despite an anticipated growth in production of approximately 15% (300,000 tonnes) over the next five years, the market remains dominated by virgin plastics.

As it stands, more than 300 million tonnes of virgin plastics are produced annually and this number is expected to increase.

More here: <http://bit.ly/2PmB4IQ>



## Recyclability guidelines for paper packaging

The Confederation of European Paper Industries (CEPI) has issued guidelines to aid designers in creating paper packaging that's easily recycled.

CEPI has advised designers in the recommendations to:

- Ensure different packaging materials are more easily separable
- Provide better labelling that will help consumers place packaging in the correct bin.

More here: <http://bit.ly/38p47hy>

# Industry News

## WEEE kerbside collections continue to grow

Studies have revealed that half of UK households have at least 1 unused electrical device. This practice results in a significant tonnage of WEEE not being recycled.

To address this challenge many local authorities have added kerbside collections for small waste electrical items. Coupled with around **£3 million** made available through the “[small electrical waste kerbside collection investment fund](#)” from the WEEE fund (which distributes funds collected by the WEEE Compliance Fee) - it is expected that more councils will roll out this service over the next few years.



## Approval for 2020 DTS delayed

In light of the general election taking place in December the UK Government has advised it will not be able to accept or decline the Distributor Take-back Scheme’s licence to operate until some point in Q1 2021.

This means that distributors selling EEE directly to end users will have to introduce and manage their own take-back solutions in the interim.

The WEEE Schemes Forum (WSF) and the Joint Trade Associations (JTA) have both argued that the DTS is no longer fit for purpose – suggesting that, above a certain size, retailers and distributors of electrical equipment should provide in-store take-back.



# Industry News

## PRN market update

### Plastics

Last quarter we reported that plastic PRN prices had reached their highest levels yet at around £450 per tonne. And that there was palpable concern as to whether the UK would be able to meet its plastic recycling target.

However, since the release of the Q3 data, forecasted performance has been more favourable. Data suggested a boost in the levels of plastic recycling and a decrease in PRN prices to approximately £290-£300 per tonne at its lowest.



### Aluminium

Similarly to plastics, data for aluminium now looks more positive in comparison to Q3, but still shows this material to be slightly behind target.

Poor volumes earlier in the year suggests that compliance for 2019 might be challenging and amid the uncertainty, aluminium prices have continued to rise well above £450 per tonne.

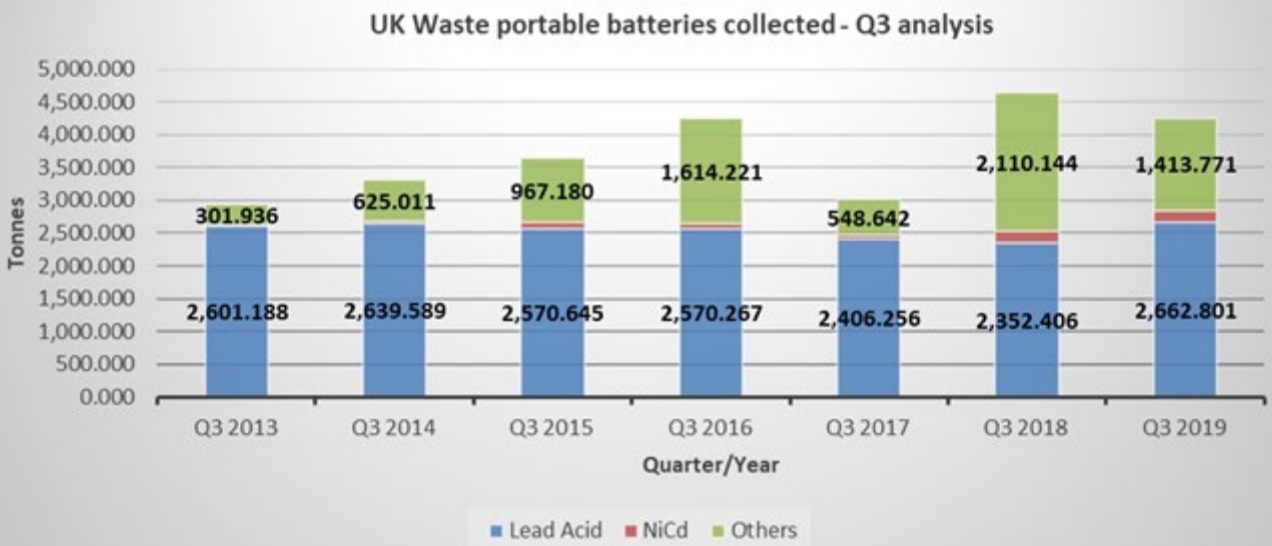
# Compliance Data

## Batteries: UK government data analysis

The Environment Agency has published the Q3 2019 battery data which has revealed an overall decrease in batteries collected in Q3 2019 in comparison to Q3 2018. This decrease is mainly attributed to a decrease in 'Other'.

When compared to Q2 2019, the data shows there was an increase in waste batteries collected of 31%. The most significant change was in the 'Other' category, which increased from 575 tonnes in Q2 2019 to 1,414 tonnes in Q3 2019.

Based on this Q3 2019 data, the UK has so far achieved 33.42% towards the 45% target.



# Compliance Data

## Packaging: UK government data analysis

Last month, the Environment Agency released the Q3 2019 recycling data. The data was positive, showing that the UK is more likely to meet its targets for 2019.

Two materials that have been of particular concern are looking more optimistic.

Plastic has increased from 48% in Q2 to 76% towards the target. With the 2018 PRN carry over, the projection now is that there might be a small surplus for plastic.

Aluminium has also improved, previously at 46% towards target in Q2, it is now at 72%. However, there is still a challenge with this material for Q4 and even with 2018 PRN carry over, the projected achievement is just behind target, at 99%.

Material	2019 UK Obligations (tonnes)	Q1-Q3 2019 Recycling	Achievement In Q2 towards 2019 Requirements	2018 PRNs carried over)	Projected year achievement towards 2019 Obligations
Paper	2,991,810	2,878,849	96%	163,912	134%
Glass	1,738,981	1,343,904	77%	69,383	107%
Aluminium	112,279	81,286	72%	3,280	99%
Steel	377,824	298,003	79%	16,561	110%
Plastic	1,097,481	834,278	76%	23,009	103%
Wood	444,214	459,385	103%	27,025	144%
Recovery	613,768	456,663	74%	50,919	108%



# Compliance Data

## WEEE: UK government data analysis

On December 2nd, the Q3 2019 recycling data was published by the Environment Agency. Compared to Q3 2018, WEEE collected has increased overall by 4%. There has also been a spike in collections of approximately 7% when compared to Q2 2019, with one of the most significant being the cooling equipment stream which increased by 18%.

Currently the UK is underperforming as it has only achieved 68% of the overall WEEE collection target and was expected to be at 75%. This time last year, the UK was at 71% towards target.

Small Mixed WEEE continues to be of concern as it is one of the larger streams and is currently at 62% towards target, compared to being at 72% at this time last year. It has been acknowledged that the higher target set for 2019 is making it more challenging.

UK Waste Stream	Q1-Q3 2019 UK WEEE collected	2019 DEFRA targets	Progress to targets
Large Domestic Appliances	128,930	188,282	68%
Cooling Equipment	102,470	135,415	76%
Display Equipment	34,203	48,708	70%
Small Mixed WEEE (cat 2-10)	107,321	172,919	62%
Lamps	3,460	5,168	67%
Photovoltaics	32	87	37%
Total	376,417	550,579	68%

# Please get in touch – we'd love to hear from you!

## For general enquiries:

Call: + 44 203 142 6452

Email: [uk@erp-recycling.org](mailto:uk@erp-recycling.org)



## For our WEEE, batteries and packaging compliance schemes:

Call: + 44 844 2480672

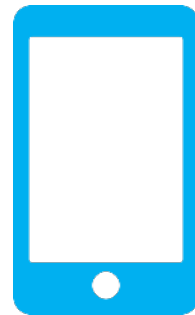
Email: [ukcompliance@erp-recycling.org](mailto:ukcompliance@erp-recycling.org)



## For Data Services:

Call: + 44 844 2480672

Email: [ukdataservices@erp-recycling.org](mailto:ukdataservices@erp-recycling.org)



## For International Compliance:

Contact Rupert Foxall, EU Services Manager

Call: +44 (0) 7825 119437

Email: [rupert.foxall@erp-recycling.org](mailto:rupert.foxall@erp-recycling.org)