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John Redmayne
Managing Director at ERP UK Ltd

Welcome to our new look newsletter – we hope you like it!

The team at ERP UK are always seeking ways to improve our service and support to our customers – and refreshing the newsletter is just one example. We have tried to make it easier for you to find the content relevant and interesting to you – and for this to be possible on screens of all shapes and sizes. We also came up with a new name. Your feedback is always welcome – ukmedia@erp-recycling.org.

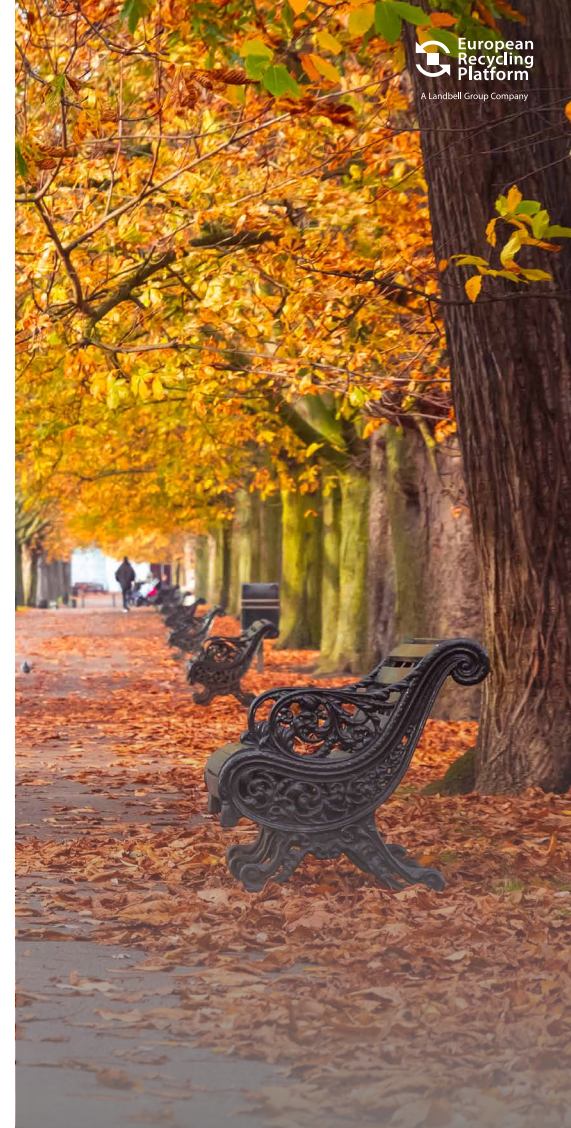
Not surprisingly, the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic crop up on many pages – whether that's reduced volumes collected for recycling (Compliance Data), delayed EPR consultations (Industry News), or our events having moved to online format (Events Diary) we continue to keep you updated and adapt what we do and how we do it.

Although we reopened both the London and Midlands offices over the summer the majority of UK staff continue to work from home. Despite the constraints our UK team has continued to develop – with three new colleagues joining the compliance and data services teams and a further three delivering international compliance services as part of the wider Landbell Group.

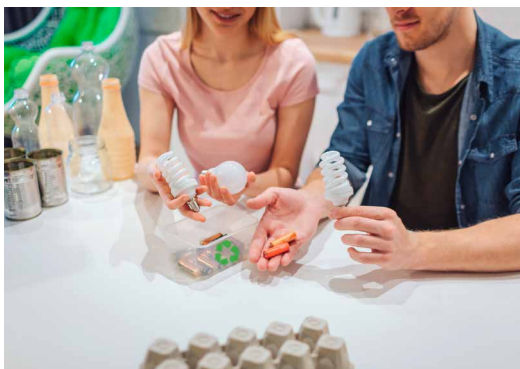
The next change in UK legislation on the calendar will impact retailers - with the increased requirements for instore take-back of WEEE following changes to the eligibility for the Distributor Take-back Scheme (DTS). Our operations team has a number of service solutions on offer.

Please save the date of **October 29** for our next members webinar where topics will include the revised timetable for EPR consultations, impacts of Covid-19 on EPR in the UK and some international perspectives.

John Redmayne



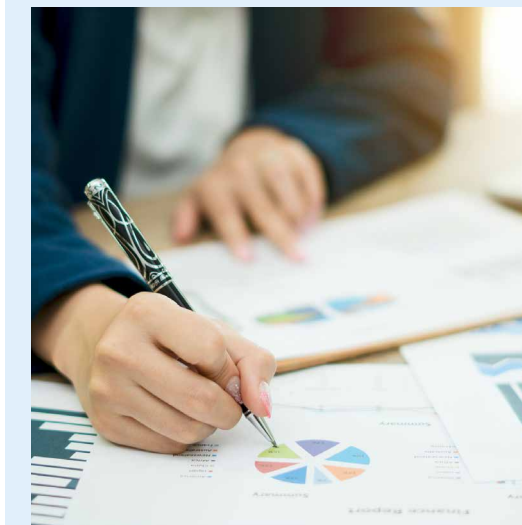
Member News



WEEE & Battery Q3 Data Round:

The Q3 2020 data round for B2C WEEE members and Battery members will be commencing on **October 1 2020**. Members should report the amount of EEE and/or Batteries they have placed onto the UK market between July 1 and September 30 2020. Data will need to be submitted via our online portal by **October 15**.

Further reminders will be sent over the next couple of weeks. Should you have any questions regarding data submissions, please don't hesitate to contact your account manager.



Data reviews will begin shortly

Data service account managers are currently identifying customers which are due a data review and may be in contact to arrange meetings in the coming months.

Data reviews are a good way for account managers to keep up to date with the activities of our customers and help ensure we have all necessary information to create an accurate submission.

Any assistance customers can provide during these meetings will help to put us in a very good position for the next submission period.

If you have had any significant changes in business activities during 2020 please contact us as soon as possible to discuss.

2021 Annual WEEE & Battery Registrations

The ERP UK Compliance Team have begun preparations on WEEE and Battery registrations for the 2021 compliance period. They will be working to ensure that members are registered by the following legal deadlines;

- Battery: **October 31 2020**
- WEEE (B2C & B2B): **November 30 2020**

To ensure that we meet the legal deadlines above, earlier internal cut-off dates have been established.

To help us complete your registrations, we request that members confirm their registration details by returning their completed Confirmation of Company details document to their account manager as soon as possible.



Packaging Data Collection

Data collection exercises are now well underway for this year and we have seen a good supplier response in difficult circumstances for many companies.

A number of new data collection exercises will be commencing in the coming weeks and account managers may be in contact to discuss specific details.

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

Reminder for upcoming changes to the Distributor Take Back Scheme

ERP UK has recently sent out communications to its WEEE members regarding the upcoming changes to the Distributor Take Back Scheme (DTS). 'Distributors' (organisations selling EEE in stores or online) that fall into the following criteria will no longer have the option to join the DTS:

- Retailers with at least one physical store in the UK selling over £100,000 of electrical products; and
- Retailers with one physical store in the UK selling over £100,000 of electrical products who have a mix of online and physical sales.

As a result, from the **January 1 2021**, they will be required to provide in-store take back.

ERP are available to help you understand the requirements and discuss how we can support your organisation. Please contact your account manager or the ERP UK Compliance Team at ukcompliance@erp-recycling.org



Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in WEEE – Updated guidance from the Environment Agency

We have previously reported on the revisions to the EU POPs Regulations during July 2019 which resulted in significant changes in, and cost implications for the compliant treatment of WEEE.

Just a reminder, the following WEEE is exempt because they do not contain POPs:

- fridges, freezers, chillers and air-conditioning units;
- as well as Large Domestic Appliances (white goods only such as; washing machines, tumble dryers, dishwashers and cookers).

In light of the research carried out by ICER (see the report here; <https://icer.org.uk/research/>), **the Environment Agency recently wrote** to all parties dealing with the management of WEEE to clarify its regulatory position and confirm previously advised guidance on the handling of POPs-containing wastes.

[Continue reading](#)



How to store POPs WEEE - advice for retailers and producers

With many retailers and producers taking back WEEE from end users, we would like to help ensure you are correctly storing waste before it is collected for the appropriate waste treatment.

There is Government advice available on the possible exemptions for storing waste. This can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/waste-exemption-nwfd-4-temporary-storage-at-a-collection-point>

The relevant conditions currently are:

WEEE has to be separately stored

- The storage capacity limit is 30m³ at any point
- Storage must be temporary, up to 3 months
- The premises must meet the basic containment requirements (sealed drains, impermeable surface, etc.)
- The exemption holder must not receive payment for collecting

ERP UK's Operations Team are able to help customers with arranging the collection and treatment of WEEE. If you would like to make an enquiry, please email ukoperations@erp-recycling.org.





Plastic Packaging Tax

On August 20 2020, the consultation for the plastic packaging tax closed.

We know that from April 2022, there will be a £200 per tonne tax on plastic packaging containing less than 30% recycled content. The recent consultation was intended to cover more of the details around this tax, including;

- **Scope** – defining key terms and looking at what plastic packaging will be subject to the tax.
- **Liability** – which businesses will need to pay the tax.
- **De minimis** – setting a threshold which would result in smaller businesses not being subject to the tax.
- **Evidence requirements** – what records businesses will need to have and the calculation for recycled content and weight of packaging.
- **Exports** – looking at the approach for managing exported plastic packaging.
- **Registration, returns and enforcement** – how businesses will need to register with HMRC, looking at the quarterly reporting requirements and consideration of HMRC's enforcement powers and penalties.

Government are now reviewing responses to the consultation. Thereafter, the finer details of the tax will be announced.

ERP are here to support our customers as much as possible, so should you have any questions or need help with reporting requirements, please get in touch via email - ukcompliance@erp-recycling.org.

Review of the UK WEEE regulations

There was some good progress with pre-consultation workshops held by Defra. This included topics such as:

- Ecomodulation and ecodesign
- Increasing collections and reuse

We understand the consultation on the WEEE regulations should be expected in the first half of 2021 - expect further workshops from Defra before then.



Brexit impact

We know many of our customers are wondering whether Brexit will impact the UK's Extended Producer Responsibility legislation.

With the transition period ending on December 31 2020, there are no significant changes at the moment.

As details emerge, and are being confirmed by government, ERP UK will let our customers know of any important information that they need to be aware of.

Industry News



Battery safety advice for lithium batteries



The waste sector is having to deal with an increase in the number and frequency of vehicle and premises fires directly attributable to lithium batteries. These have rapidly increased in popularity as they hold a larger electrical charge than other batteries of an equivalent size. They are found in smaller appliances such as laptops, electric toothbrushes and shavers, as well as being retailed in their own right as a premium product.

However, these batteries can discharge uncontrollably if they become wet, damaged or are short-circuited. This presents an immediate and very real risk of fire, especially when they are discarded.

It is important that everyone involved in their collection and transport works to minimise these

fire risks and avoid serious property damage and fatalities, which mercifully have been avoided so far.

Of course, no batteries should be disposed of in general waste.

Ideally lithium cells should be segregated, stored and transported separately from other types, but this is often impracticable.

When collecting mixed batteries prior to collection for recycling, some simple housekeeping steps can be taken.

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Submit your entries for the Green Alley Award



Do you belong to a European startup avantgarde who fights for a sustainable world without waste? Then apply for the Green Alley Award, Europe's first startup prize promoting digital circular economy solutions, recycling innovations and ideas for waste prevention and help turn the linear into a circular economy with your green business idea.

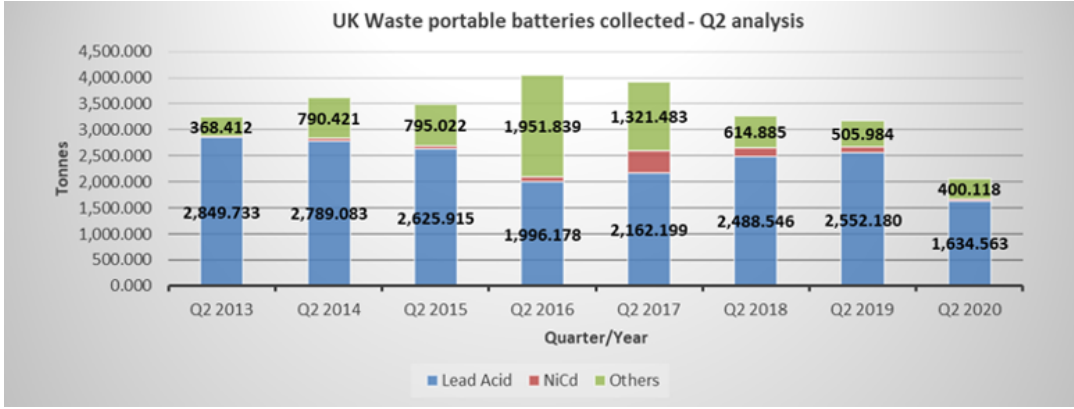
The offer: At the finals in Berlin, six startups will meet high-ranking expert practitioners in one-on-one mentoring sessions and pitch their idea live on stage in front of an international jury. The Green Alley Award winner receives 25,000 Euros in cash. Applications including a customized pitch deck must be sent by 17 November 2020 via an online form. Don't miss out on boosting your startup across Europe! Find out more about the Green Alley Award at green-alley-award.com



ERP Portugal supports Worten Transforma campaign

On 2nd June 2020, the electrical retailer, Worten, launched its latest communication campaign for Worten Transforma (Worten Transforms), the brand's environmental and social responsibility programme. The campaign, which has been running for over ten years now, encourages Portuguese people to take unused electrical and electronic equipment to a Worten store, so that it can be correctly recycled. In exchange, Worten donates new equipment to hospitals, schools and other organisations that are helping people who have become more vulnerable in the wake of the Covid-19 crisis. [More here](#)

Compliance Data



Batteries - government data analysis for the UK

The Environment Agency recently published the Q2 2020 battery data. There was a significant decrease of 35% in the amount of batteries collected when comparing the data to Q2 2019. However, this was expected due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lead acid continues to make up a disproportionally high proportion of the waste portable batteries collected, in comparison to the amount of lead acid portable batteries placed on the market.

The UK is now currently sitting at 20.25% towards the 45% target for 2020.

UK Waste Stream	Q1-Q2 2020 UK WEEE collected	2020 DEFRA targets	Progress to targets
Large Domestic Appliances	86,025	185,354	46%
Cooling Equipment	49,966	134,200	37%
Display Equipment	14,615	39,495	37%
Small Mixed WEEE (cat 2-10)	45,498	133,699	34%
Lamps	1,558	4,553	34%
Photovoltaics	90	87	104%
Total	197,753	497,388	40%

WEEE - government data analysis for the UK

Q2 2020 recycling data published by the Environment Agency showed there was a 91.82% decrease in the overall amount of WEEE collected compared to Q2 2019. Comparing the Q2 2020 data to Q1 2020, there was a decrease of 52.03%.

Looking at the data on WEEE collected so far in 2020 against this year's targets, it can be assumed that COVID-19 has slowed down the UK's progress due to the closures of household waste recycling centres and general collections. At Q2, the UK should be around 50% towards the 2020 targets however, the overall progress is actually 40%.

Compliance Data



Material	Estimated 2020 UK Requirement tonnes	Q1 and Q2 2020 Recycling	Achievement In Q2 towards 2020 Requirements
Paper	2,714,721	1,687,611	62%
Glass	1,687,796	898,411	53%
Aluminium	113,571	76,903	68%
Steel	344,013	207,761	60%
Plastic	1,037,414	611,519	59%
Wood	457,476	260,128	57%
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Packaging - government data analysis for the UK

The Environment Agency's Q2 2020 recycling data was positive, showing that the UK is on track to meet the 2020 requirements. This can be seen in the below table where we have shown the estimated 2020 requirement i.e. the UK's obligation less PRN carryover from 2019.

Compared to Q2 2019, whilst most materials showed an increased for Q2 2020, paper and wood were lower (-18% and -28% respectively).

The Q2 data was encouraging, despite the restrictions due to COVID-19.



Customer Spotlight

Epson works with Longdean School to design Human Milk Foundation's smart car

The Human Milk Foundation (HMF), a charity that provides screened donor milk to sick, premature babies in NICUs, and to mothers with cancer and other conditions, is the official charity partner to Epson's UK-based organisation.

This year, Epson teamed up with Longdean School, launching a competition to design the new wrap for the Human Milk Foundation's new 'Mobile Milk' urgent delivery vehicle. This was in an effort to awareness of the charity and its services while the vehicle was delivering milk to families and hospitals across Hertfordshire and East Anglia.

[More here](#)



Iceland calls for #OnePlasticFootprint and Government targets for plastic pollution reduction

Iceland has joined forces with Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace, A Plastic Planet and Surfers Against Sewage to call for the retail and wider business sector to commit to enhanced transparency in reporting on plastic consumption.

In a leading move, Iceland has published its entire plastic packaging footprint which includes both own label and branded products, and extends to secondary and tertiary packaging, across its UK and international businesses. Earlier this year, Iceland announced a 29% reduction in its own label plastic packaging since January 2018 as part of a commitment to removing it entirely by the end of 2023.

Underpinning any such commitments there is obviously a need to collect and analyse data to establish baselines and monitor progress. ERP is delighted to be supporting Iceland through our data service team who assisted in calculating the packaging footprint for UK and international operations as well as annual packaging data submissions.

[More here](#)





Meet the team



This quarter we introduce our
Data Services Officer,

Ruth

Q How long have you been with ERP UK

A I started my current role in November last year (and due to COVID I have spent more time working from home than I have in the office which is an interesting challenge). Prior to this, I completed a fixed term contract with H2 compliance.

Q Tell me about your experience before joining the ERP team

A I have 14 years' experience with UK Packaging Regulations, and have recently expanded into WEEE, Batteries and into parts of Europe. My role focuses on supporting customers who need help identifying, collating and calculating the packaging/product data required for registration. I work with a wide variety of customers, particularly large group customers who sometimes find their group structure is as complex as their obligation data!

Q What does a typical day look like for you?

A There isn't one! During the data round it is very focussed on calculating data, receiving and checking reports and resolving queries; followed by arranging the data submissions. While over the summer, we do a lot of account management and administration along with reviews of company changes, how they impact the data, reviews of the calculation and reporting processes to identify possible improvements and ways to make it easier going forward.

Q What motivates you in your role?

A I like helping customers by putting systems in place to simplify processes, making them easier. You get to know a lot about clients and their companies when looking for how to best put their data together.



Events diary



Q3 2020

Member workshops

Last week ERP delivered our Packaging workshop as a webinar. If you were unable to attend, you can access the recording [here](#).

Our Q3 WEEE & Batteries workshop will also be delivered online on Wednesday 21st October. If you're interested in attending, please register [here](#).

Due to the uncertainty of the current COVID-19 situation, we will provide updates in December on the format of our Q4 WEEE & Batteries workshop scheduled for January.

To book your place, please email the Compliance Team at

ukcompliance@erp-recycling.org.



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21st Oct 2020

[WEEE & Batteries Workshop](#), [Register here](#)

Q4 2021

7th Jan 2021

[WEEE & Batteries Workshop](#), TBC

External events

30 Sept 2020

[WEEE Conference \(Virtual event\)](#)
[Register here](#)

14 & 15 Oct 2020

[LARAC Conference \(Virtual event\)](#)
[Register here](#)

6th Nov 2020

[Awards for Excellence](#)
Landmark Hotel, London
[More information](#)

ERP's ERP glossary



ATF Approved Authorised Treatment Facility (for WEEE)

ABE Approved Battery Exporter

ABTO Approved Battery Treatment Operator

AE Accredited Exporter (for Packaging)

AR Accredited Reprocessor (for Packaging)

ATF Authorised Treatment Facility (for WEEE)

BFR Brominated Flame Retardants

CA site Civic Amenity (see also HWRC)

CIO Consumer Information Obligation (for Packaging)

CIWM Chartered Institution of Wastes Management

CSR Corporate Social Responsibility

DCF Designated Collection Facility (for WEEE)

DEFRA Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

DOENI Department for the Environment Northern Ireland

DTS Distributor Takeback Scheme (for WEEE)

EA Environment Agency (see also SEPA, NRW and NIEA)

EEA European Environment Agency

EFW Energy from Waste

ELV End of Life Vehicles

EMS Environmental Management System

EPR Extended Producer Responsibility

ESA Environmental Services Association

HDPE High Density Polyethylene

HWRC Household Waste Recycling Centre

LA Local Authority

LARAC Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee

MRF Materials Recovery Facility

MSW Municipal Solid Waste

NIEA Northern Ireland Environment Agency

NPWD National Packaging Waste Database (Batteries & Packaging)

ODS Ozone Depleting Substance

PCB Polychlorinated Biphenyl

PCB Printed Circuit Board

PERN Packaging Waste Export Recovery Note

PP Polypropylene

PRN Packaging Waste Recovery Note

PS Polystyrene

PVC Polyvinyl chloride

RCV Refuse Collection Vehicle

ROHS Restriction Of Hazardous Substances (in EEE)

SEPA Scottish Environment Protection Agency

WAC Waste Acceptance Criteria

WBA Waste Batteries and Accumulators

WCA Waste Collection Authority

WDA Waste Disposal Authority

WEEE Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment

WFD Waste Framework Directive

WRAP Waste and Resources Action Programme

WBA Regulations means The Waste Batteries and Accumulators Regulations 2009 (SI 2009/890);

WEEE Regulations means the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2013 (SI 2013/3113); and

WEEE Settlement Centre means the government-funded online facility used to record evidence of WEEE treatment and to allow issuance and holdings of Evidence Notes to be monitored.

In addition, the words **Battery**, **Consumer Information Regulations**, **Placing on the Market**, **Evidence Note** and **Batteries Evidence Note** shall have the meanings attributed to them in the relevant Regulations (including any meanings ascribed through judicial interpretation).

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