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The long-awaited WEEE consultation was released at the very end of 2023 and closed in early March – making for a busy start to the compliance year. ERP worked with several different stakeholder groups on understanding and reflecting on the consultation, contributing to collective responses as well as our own scheme response. We also provided a briefing for members, a webinar and received some valuable input from our broad range of members. In the next couple of months we expect to see a summary of responses as well as government's way forward.

Whilst on the topic of regulatory changes; the consultation on the Waste Batteries & Accumulators Regulations is still in draft, there have been some changes in the Defra team working on this much needed set of reforms – and they also have the challenge of addressing the fact that the requirements of the EU's Battery Regulation apply to Northern Ireland from February 2024. 'Later in 2024' is their current indication for the consultation.

There is also much detailed activity by government, the agencies, schemes and producers on the implementation of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging – more details are in this newsletter.

Introduction of a Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) for the UK now appears more likely for 2027 following announcements by the Secretary of

State, Steve Barclay. Appearing before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee, he said that the original timetable to introduce a deposit scheme for England by 2025 was 'not realistic' and indicated a launch in 2027 seemed 'more likely'.

Of course, the compliance years for WEEE, Batteries and Packaging continue as normal – and with the added challenge of the dual requirements this year of reporting 2023 packaging data under both the 'old' and 'new regulations' – see key dates in this newsletter.

With many hundreds of members across almost every product sector, ERP's compliance and data service teams are always busy with helping individual companies and groups of companies understand the compliance implications of new products, new materials, different routes to market, company structural changes etc. Whenever I join a call or a meeting I am always impressed by the huge experience and knowledge of our teams – real specialists in the UK requirements of Extended Producer Responsibility – and only a phone call away are compliance specialists around the Landbell Group ready to support with any questions or compliance needs in other countries. So - for EPR, you really can just think ERP!

One of the advantages of Landbell Group's reach and specialisation in EPR has been the in-house development and configuration of a completely

new software platform for members to input their details and their data. Initially configured and released last year for UK members' EPR for Packaging reporting, it has now been made available for 2024 UK members' WEEE and Battery reporting. We hope members find the new system easy to use – as always our compliance team is on hand to support if required.

Circul8 really is a step forward in terms of ease of use and includes built-in validations to meet the environment agencies' requirements and reduce queries after submission. We really appreciate the feedback from members so far - particularly those who have helped us in testing Beta versions. However, release is really just the start! We plan further developments to really maximise the potential of the new platform for the benefit of our members and our teams – so watch this space!

John Redmayne
 Managing Director, ERP UK





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Data Rounds - WEEE & Battery

From 1st April, the following placed on the market data submissions will be due by Monday 15th April 2024.

- Q1 2024 B2C EEE
- Q1 2024 Battery

We are excited to confirm that from Q1 2024, members will be asked to complete their quarterly B2C EEE & Battery placed on the market data submissions via our new online reporting portal – Circul8.

Members should have received an activation email for the new portal, but please contact your Compliance Account Manager if you have any issues logging in or if you haven't yet received your activation email.

As always, we would like to kindly ask Members to:

- Ensure that all EEE and batteries made available to the UK market is reported in the relevant reporting periods (see the table below).

Reporting Periods	Reporting Deadlines
Q1: 1st January to 31st March	Monday 15th April 2024
Q2: 1st April to 30th June	Monday 15th July 2024
Q3: 1st July to 30th September	Tuesday 15th October 2024
Q4: 1st October to 31st October	Wednesday 15th January 2025
2024 B2B EEE: 1st Jan to 31st December	Wednesday 15th January 2024

- Have submissions approved by a legal signatory of the company or delegated authority who has prior written consent for 2024. In Circul8, there are two options available;

Option 1 will be to check a list of Approved Persons / Authorised Signatories and ask for one of these Persons to login to the online reporting portal and approve the declaration. Please contact your Account Manager to create a user account for the chosen Authorised Signatory.

Option 2 will be to download an Excel Workbook (provided within the system) and complete it with the data submitted into the portal. This Excel Workbook can then be sent to the Approved Person / Authorised Signatory to sign it off and the signed PDF document must then be uploaded into Circul8.

Account for any significant fluctuations in data by including a brief explanation within the data submission (if prompted). Please note that Circul8 will make comparisons against the data from the same period of the previous year and the previous quarter.

We are keen to receive any feedback from our Members on the new Circul8 portal, so would like to encourage you to contact your Account Manager to share your thoughts.





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2024 Annual Packaging Data Round and Registrations

Packaging Members must be registered for the 2024 Compliance Year in early April.

In preparation for this, the Compliance Team have been working hard this quarter on processing our members' annual packaging data submissions and Confirmation of Company Details documents.

Once the regulator has confirmed acceptance of our members' registrations, we will provide our registered members with a certificate of registration for your records.

We would kindly ask any members who have not provided both their 2024

packaging data submission and Confirmation of Company details document, to do so as soon as possible to ensure compliance.

HY1 & HY2 2023 EPR for Packaging Data Submissions

As there are currently two sets of legislation in force – 2007 Packaging Regulations and EPR Data Reporting Regulations 2023, packaging producers have more data reporting that we are here to support you with!

In addition to completing your 2024 annual packaging data submission, members should also submit their HY1 and HY2 2023 EPR Packaging data via Circul8 as soon as possible, if not already done so.

The Compliance Team are carefully reviewing these declarations and helping members with any queries.

To provide continual assistance and updates on EPR data reporting, the Compliance Team are pleased to be re-starting member webinars throughout April and May to provide further assistance.

To register for any of these webinars, please look out for our email invitations that will be sent in advance of each event.



Single Use Vapes Ban - Draft Regulations and Survey

The UK Government has drafted legislation to ban the supply and sale of disposable vapes in England.

This follows a consultation where nearly 70% of responses were supportive of the ban.

Millions of vapes are thrown away each week and are a concern for the environment, due to their large numbers and the difficulty of treating them when they become waste.

The draft legislation is available [here](#)





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Packaging recycling targets for 2024

Material	2023 Recycling Target	2024 Recycling Target	Change 2023 vs 2024
Paper	83%	83%	-
Glass	82%	82%	-
Aluminium	69%	69%	-
Steel	87%	87%	-
Plastic	61%	61%	-
Wood	35%	42%	+7%
Recycling	77%	80%	+3%

Under the 2007 Packaging Regulations, a Producer’s packaging recycling obligation is calculated by;

1. Taking the tonnage of packaging handled in the previous year;
2. Multiplying this tonnage by the percentages allocated to the activities performed (the share of obligations);
3. Further multiplying by the recycling targets set by the UK Government

$$\text{Obligation (tonnes)} = \text{Packaging Handled (tonnes)} \times \text{Activity (\%)} \times \text{Recycling Target (\%)}$$

The recycling targets for the 2024 Compliance Year have now been set

See chart above

EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility) for Packaging

We have constantly highlighted a key change from the current UK packaging compliance system, which is reporting packaging data every 6 months for EPR (compared to the current annual reporting).

Even though the full implementation of EPR for Packaging has now been delayed until 2025, Producers are still required to report packaging data for 2023 in the new format required by the EPR Data Reporting Regulations.

The first reporting window opened on 1st July 2023 with Packaging Compliance Schemes required to report Members’ packaging data for the first 6 months of 2023, by the first regulatory deadline of 1st October 2023.

The second reporting window opened on 1st January 2024 for the submission of the HY2 2023 Declaration with Packaging Compliance Schemes required to report Members’ packaging data for the second 6 months of 2023, by the second regulatory deadline of 1st April 2024. However, DEFRA have now subsequently replaced these reporting deadlines with a later deadline of 31st May 2024.

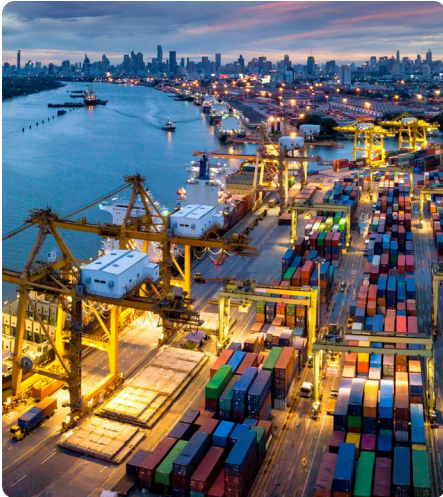
Please speak with your ERP UK Account Manager if you have yet to submit HY1 and/or HY2 2023 EPR packaging data.

*N.B. The definition of a Large Producer includes all companies (and UK Groups of Companies) handling over 50 tonnes of packaging per annum and with a turnover of £2m or greater.





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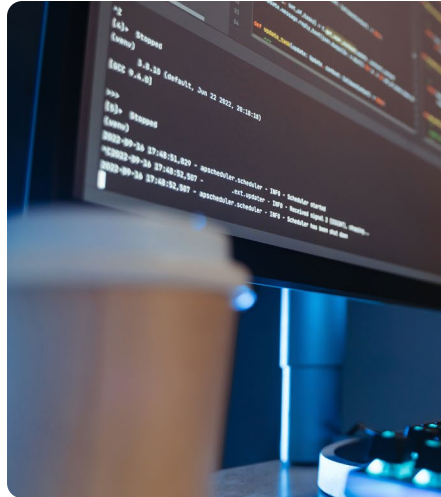


EPR for Packaging Amendment

There will be a second Amendment to the current EPR Data Reporting Regulations coming into effect from 1st April 2024.

This Amendment predominantly addresses the regulations concerning the switching of Primary and Shipment packaging from Household Packaging to Non-Household Packaging. This will be an important Amendment for all Packaging Producers that supply Primary and Shipment packaging and will therefore incur the new Household Packaging Disposal Costs under EPR, which are expected to be significant additional costs compared to current PRN costs.

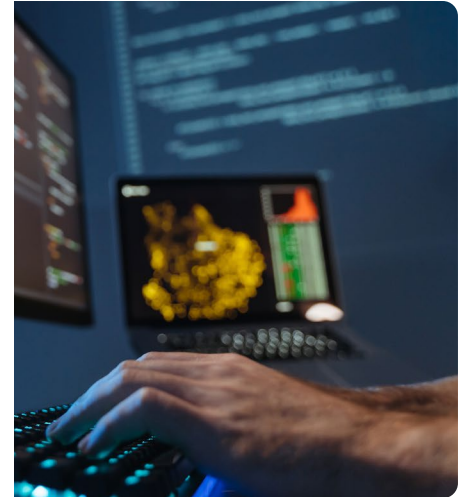
*ERP UK is holding fortnightly Webinars for its Members to run through these changes beginning in early April. You can register for these Webinars [here](#):



Nation Data Reporting

There will be a second type of packaging data report required from many Packaging Producers in 2025 (originally planned for December 2024, but now delayed until April 2025) - Nation Data. This brand-new type of packaging report will be (for many Packaging Producers) in addition to the new 6-monthly reporting for HY1 and HY2 that is currently on-going. The first declaration of Nation Data (reporting on packaging supplied during the calendar year 2023) was scheduled for 1st December 2024, but DEFRA have now scrapped this, and the first declaration of Nation Data will now be reporting on packaging supplied during the calendar year 2024 by the 1st April 2025. At the current time of writing, we are yet to receive the confirmed packaging data reporting format for Nation Data.

However, once we have clarity on this topic, we expect to hold further



Webinars and Workshops during 2024 to provide further details and guidance for our members.

Circul8 - ERP's new online reporting portal

We were very pleased to have our new online portal successfully launched and go live for our packaging members in July 2023.

This new portal was initially set up to manage the new EPR packaging data reporting, as the format is rather different and has been designed in a user-friendly way, providing guidance and validations to help ensure the reporting is as accurate as reasonably possible! All Primary Contacts for all Packaging Members should now have logged into the new online portal; however, if you have any difficulty accessing the new portal, please contact your Compliance Account Manager.





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LARAC hits back at vape retailer's criticism of councils

LARAC (the group representing recycling offices in local authorities) has hit back at the UK Vaping Industry Association (UKVIA), which criticised local authorities for a "lack of interest and investment" into the collection and recycling of electronic cigarettes.

According to the report published by UKVIA on the 11th of March, found that only 60% of responding authorities said they offer vape waste disposal at civic amenity sites, whilst just one in 10 have introduced vape waste containers in public places.

In response LARAC said it was "profoundly disappointed" with the comments and said it has concerns about the lack of commitment from the vape industry to invest in facilities capable of handling vapes at the end



of their lifecycle.

LARAC highlighted there has been a "surge" in fires in refuse collection vehicles and treatment facilities related to the disposal of vapes and has called for safer and more responsible disposal practises.

Read the full article [here](#)

Making electrical recycling easier across the UK (Projects funded by Material Focus)

Communities across the UK will find it easier to use and recycle small electricals thanks to an array of brilliant projects funded by Material Focus.

What is the Electricals Recycling Fund?

Material Focus want to make it easier for people to reuse and recycle their electricals.

Their Electricals Recycling Fund supports projects that build on existing methods, test new, creative and practical ways of recycling household electricals.

The fund was launched in 2022 and currently supports over 60 projects – from expanding kerbside collections into new neighbourhoods and adding more recycling collection points.

The success of the first year's funding has led to further funding and commitment in 2024 including:

- Testing new and practical ways for people to reuse and recycle electricals
- Introducing kerbside collections
- Adding more collection points and bring banks

This article comes from Material Focus, for similar stories visit their [website](#).

Material Focus's funds come from 'Compliance Fee' payments by producers (via schemes) when insufficient WEEE is collected in a year to meet the recycling targets set by government.





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ERP UK is pleased to offer its Members FREE 'Portable' battery collections

As a result of being a Battery Compliance Scheme (along with WEEE and Packaging), ERP UK is pleased to offer its Members FREE 'Portable' battery collections from their offices and places of work.

This is a service that we already provide to some 25,000 collection points across the UK!

As ERP UK continues to grow its Battery Compliance Scheme, we are constantly looking for more waste batteries to recycle and meet our battery producers' obligations. This, together with ensuring these are correctly treated and disposed of at licenced battery recycling facilities, help to remove them from the unwanted residual waste stream.

If you would like to participate in this FREE service from ERP UK, please refer to our website for more information and how to order your Battery Boxes directly from us:

Batteries Requests - This link also enables you to request a collection once the box is almost full.

Play your part in battery recycling... and helping the planet become a better place.

To find out more about our compliance services please visit our [website](#).



Register for our 2024 weekly and monthly

Workshops & Webinars

Including:

Extended Producer Responsibility Packaging Regulations

Receive the latest insight, guidance, and key updates relating to the brand-new Packaging Regulations that will come into force from the start of 2024.

To avoid disappointment, book your virtual seat at EPR discussion table and let ERP UK steer you through the new Packaging Compliance landscape.

[Visit our webpage](#)





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WEEE Compliance

The latest data (Q4 2023 UK national data from the EA)

Volumes of EEE placed on the market (POM)

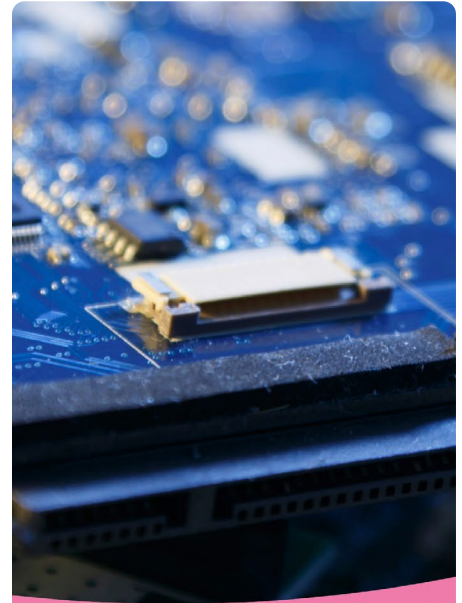
The Environment Agency published the Q4 2023 UK data on 1st March 2024.

The table below demonstrates that there

was just over 4,000 tonnes more EEE placed on the UK market when comparing against the same period last year (Q4 2022).

Whilst the overall variance is small compared with 2022, there was some significant decreases in IT and Telcomms Equipment (Cat 3) down by 12%, Lighting Equipment

	Category	Q4 2023 UK B2C EEE placed on the UK Market (tonnes)	Variance (Q4 2023 vs Q4 2022)	% Variance
1	Large Household Appliances	163,140	1,110	1%
2	Small Household Appliances	58,473	1,552	3%
3	IT and Telcomms Equipment	16,956	-2,387	-12%
4	Consumer Equipment	10,037	-480	-5%
5	Lighting Equipment	16,364	-2,436	-13%
6	Electrical and Electronic Tools	14,848	2,528	21%
7	Toys Leisure and Sports	20,006	-1,922	-9%
8	Medical Devices	795	-125	-14%
9	Monitor and Control Instruments	5,264	-1,663	-24%
10	Automatic Dispensers	51	-1	-2%
11	Display Equipment	27,706	-283	-1%
12	Cooling Appliances	55,572	-3,514	-6%
13	Gas Discharge Lamps/ LED	1,082	-607	-36%
14	Photovoltaic Panels	54,973	-12,266	29%
	Total	445,268	4,036	1%



WEEE COMPLIANCE

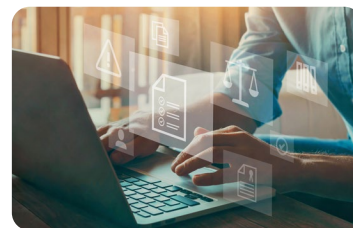
Simplifying the recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment

We take on your legal obligations, managing your registration and reporting, and securing WEEE evidence equal to your household recycling obligation.

We also provide registration and reporting for non-household EEE producers, as well as optional services for the take-back non-household products.

[Find out more here](#)





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(Cat 5) down by 13%, and Gas Discharge Lamps & LED Light Sources (Cat 13) down by 36%. The largest increase was in Photovoltaic Panels (Cat 14), with a 29% increase of over 12,200 tonnes.

When comparing 2023 total volumes against last year (2022) we can see that there was a reduction of EEE placed on the UK market across all streams, apart from Photovoltaic Panels (Cat 14). Overall, there was a 1% decrease on 2022 volumes.

Volumes of WEEE collected (see table opposite)

As the table along side demonstrates, the overall collected tonnage in Q4 2023 was similar to that collected in Q4 2022, with just under 2,700 tonnes variance across all streams, which is mostly due to increased Small Mixed WEEE (Cats 2-10) collections.

Q4 2023 data indicates just a 2% increase of total volume of WEEE collected when compared to the same period last year. Only Gas Discharge Lamps (Cat 13) collections were lower than this time last year (-10%), but all other streams show an increase, especially Small Mixed WEEE (Cats 2-10), by just under 2,000 tonnes (7%) and Photovoltaic Panels (Cat 14).

When comparing 2023 total volumes against total volumes last year (2022) we can see that there was an increase of WEEE collections across all streams, apart from Large Household Appliances (Cat 1), just under 5,000 tonnes less collected than 2022 (-3%).

Overall, there was a 1% increase on 2022 volumes. Display Equipment (Cat 11), Small Mixed WEEE (Cats 2-10) and Photovoltaic Panels (Cat 14) had significant increases from last year.

Category	Q3 2023 UK B2C WEEE Collected (tonnes)	Variance (Q3 2023 vs Q3 2022) (tonnes)	Variance (%)
Large Household Appliances	564,791	-25,866	-4%
Cooling Appliances	212,426	-4,618	-2%
Display Equipment	83,118	-14,526	-15%
Cats 2-10 Small Mixed WEEE	505,411	-5,128	-1%
Gas Discharge Lamps & LED Light Sources	5,159	-653	-11%
Photovoltaic Panels	169,353	42,306	33%
TOTAL	1,540,257	-8,485	-1%

Category	Q4 2023 UK B2C WEEE Collected (tonnes)	Variance (Q4 2023 vs Q4 2022) (tonnes)	Variance (%)
Large Household Appliances	41,039	299	1%
Cooling Appliances	32,599	163	1%
Display Equipment	9,655	117	1%
Cats 2-10 Small Mixed WEEE	29,636	1995	7%
Gas Discharge Lamps & LED Light Sources	994	88	-10%
Photovoltaic Panels	163	31	24%
TOTAL	114,086	2,693	2%



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Outlook for the compliance year

When looking at the total 2023 collection volumes against the collection targets for 2023, this demonstrates that most streams have achieved the 2023 targets, with Display Equipment (Cat 11) and Small Mixed WEEE (Cats 2-10) exceeding the targets by some margin. The exception is Large Household Appliances (Cat 1) and Gas Discharge Lamps (Cat 13), both of which only just missed the targets. It's worth noting that this is the first time that Small Mixed WEEE (Cats 2-10) has hit the targets since being set in 2016.

Collection targets for 2024

Against this background, Defra have proposed collection targets for 2024 to stakeholders for a short consultation.

Defra's approach was slightly different to that of previous years – rather than using a six-year trend forecast to identify the total tonnage for collection of each individual category of WEEE, Defra have used a baseline approach that considers the growth rate in WEEE collections over a 3-year period – using an average of the growth rate between 2021/22 and 2022/23. Applying a 6-year forecast to the 2023 WEEE collection figures results in negative average growth rates being applied to most categories of WEEE, which would not reflect the growth seen in WEEE collections since 2022 and 2023.

ERP prepared its own analysis and made a detailed response to the consultation. In the past, we have raised concerns about the proposed targets for streams, particularly Small Mixed WEEE, which have often been set well in excess of the actual amounts likely to be collected. However, with WEEE collections above targets for 2023 in several streams, we feel that overall Defra have got the 2024 targets about right.

Final targets will be confirmed by DEFRA by the end of March. We will receive our scheme targets for 2024 from the Environment Agency in early April based

on the POM market share of our members in each category in 2023. Invoices for Q2 and onwards will be based on these.

Category	2023 UK B2C WEEE Collected (tonnes)	Variance 2023 vs 2022 (tonnes)	Variance (%)
Large Household Appliances	159,273	-4,977	-3%
Cooling Appliances	135,075	801	1%
Display Equipment	42,988	2,560	6%
Cats 2-10 Small Mixed WEEE	131,177	7,045	6%
Gas Discharge Lamps & LED Light Sources	4,047	-4	0%
Photovoltaic Panels	460	77	20%
TOTAL	473,019	5,502	1%

Category	2023 UK B2C WEEE Collected (tonnes)	2023 DEFRA targets	Progress to targets (%)
Large Household Appliances	159,273	164,250	97%
Cooling Appliances	135,075	135,393	100%
Display Equipment	42,988	41,237	104%
Cats 2-10 Small Mixed WEEE	131,177	126,615	104%
Gas Discharge Lamps & LED Light Sources	4,047	4,145	97%
Photovoltaic Panels	460	302	152%
TOTAL	473,019	471,942	100%





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Batteries

The latest data (Q4 2023 UK national data from the EA)

Volumes of Portable Batteries placed on the market (POM)

Table 01: Q4 2023 saw a decrease (-295 tonnes, -2%) in the volume of portable batteries placed on the market from this time last year.

	Portable Batteries Placed on the Market		
	Q4 2022 (tonnes)	Q4 2023 (tonnes)	Variance (%)
Lead Acid	381	364	-4%
NiCd	44	34	-23%
Others	13,964	9,047	-2%
TOTAL	14,389	14,094	-2%

Table 02: Overall, there very little difference between total 2023 POM vs 2022 POM (-80 tonnes), although there was a notable increase in NiCd batteries (33%).

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Volumes of waste portable batteries collected

Table 03: The Q4 2023 data shows a decrease from this time last year (Q4 2022), especially in waste portable 'Ni-Cd' batteries (-69%) and waste portable 'Other' batteries (-24%). Unlike in Q2 and Q3 2023, there was an increase of Lead Acid waste battery collections in Q4 2023.

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Table 04: Overall, there was an increase of total waste batteries collected in 2023 (2%) compared with last year, mainly due to the large increase in 'Others' waste batteries (42%). Lead acid waste battery collections reduced by 9%, continuing the trend from last year.

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BATTERIES COMPLIANCE

Simplifying the recycling of portable batteries

Our battery compliance scheme simplifies environmental compliance for companies making or importing batteries. We take care of all your legal obligations from registration and reporting to the collection and recycling of waste batteries. For small producers, we offer a simple 'all in' fixed cost.

Our solutions cover all aspects of battery recycling and can simplify processes for all businesses, small, medium, and large.

[Find out more here](#)



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Outlook for the compliance year

Based on the Q4 2023 data, the UK collection rate for 2023 is 45.57%, which is 101.26% towards the 2023 target (45%) and therefore, confirming that the UK has achieved the annual 45% collection target in 2023.

Packaging PRN Market Update for Q1 2024

To help our packaging members understand the current conditions of the PRN market, we recently provided our Q1 2024 PRN market update.

If any packaging members have not received our recent market update, or would like to discuss PRNs in more detail, please contact your Compliance Account Manager, or email ukcompliance@erp-recycling.org.

DATA SERVICES Plastic Packaging Tax Update

The tax came into force on 1st April 2022 and was charged at a rate of £200 per tonne, increasing to £210.82 per tonne from 1 April 2023 and £217.85 per tonne from 1st April 2024, this applies to plastic packaging produced in or imported into the UK that does not contain at least 30% recycled plastic, returns are due quarterly with the next return due on or before the 30th April 2024.

Businesses should also carry out their own due diligence checks in respect of Plastic Packaging Tax if you either

manufacture plastic packaging components or import plastic packaging components. If you have any questions about the plastic packaging tax, and how it will affect your company, please contact your account manager directly or the Data Services team at: ukdataservices@erp-recycling.org

For the latest HMRC guidance on the tax please visit [here](#).

Packaging Data Collection

Data collection exercises are already well underway for this year, with several new data collection exercises commencing in the coming weeks, account managers may be in contact to discuss specific details.

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

As you might be aware, we now collect data at a granular level which includes packaging components, polymer types, recycled content percentages and recyclability labelling. The reason we collect this detailed information is to future proof the service for the changes due under Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) in the coming months.



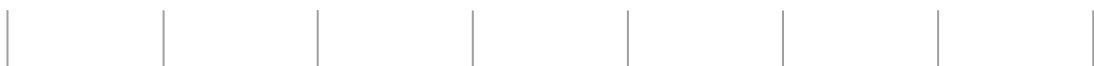
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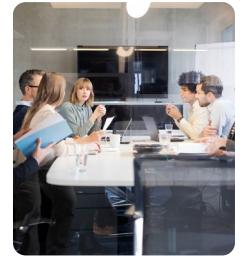
Simplifying your data and submissions

Collecting product, packaging and battery weights and calculating your data submissions can be confusing and time-consuming. Our data service undertakes these complex tasks on your behalf to ensure you're submitting accurate data to comply with the legislation.

Additionally, we help customers with a range of data reporting services to

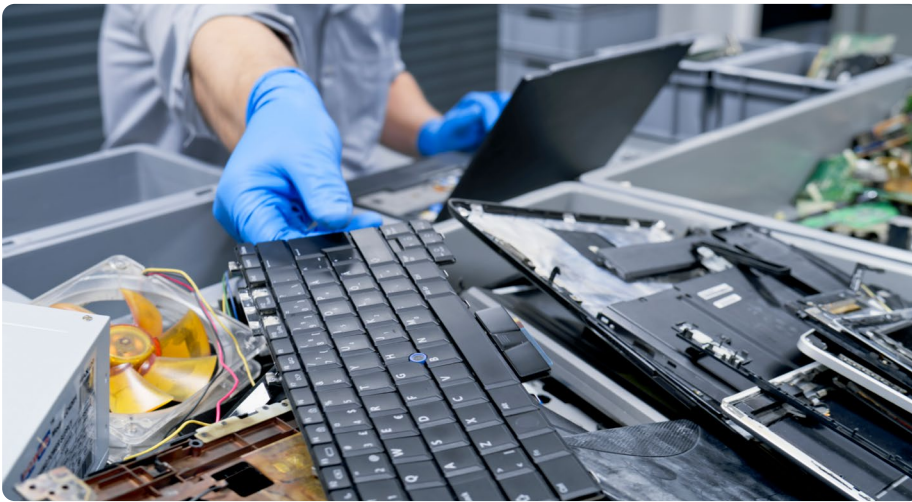
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Extended Producer Responsibility News



Consultation on the UK WEEE Regulations

The Government published a consultation to review the UK's "Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2013" including specific proposals for changes.

The key topics consulted on were;

- Increasing collections of waste electrical and electronic equipment from households
- Increasing distributor collections infrastructure
- New producer obligations for Online Marketplaces and Fulfilment Houses Dealing with the environmental impacts of vaping products
- System governance, the creation of a WEEE Scheme Administrator and performance indicators

There was also a separate call for evidence to gather evidence and views to support longer-term changes.

This covered;

- Full net cost recovery
- Allocation of costs for the collection and treatment of household WEEE
- Prevention of waste and increasing re-use of unwanted electrical and electronic equipment
- Moving to a circular economy through the design of better products and business models
- Increasing collections of business WEEE
- Improving treatment standards

The closing date for responses was 7th March and in the next couple of months, we expect to have a summary of responses as well as government's

way forward. ERP worked in a number of sector groups on understanding and assessing the proposals, contributing to their collective responses (particularly with producer trade associations in the electrotechnical sector and with other compliance schemes) and also submitted an individual response.

It is expected that the various potential changes cannot all be made at the same time. As early as this year (2024), the first changes could potentially be;

- New measures on online marketplaces
- Free collection of large domestic appliances by retailers on delivery of a new item
- Introduction of a new EEE category for vapes

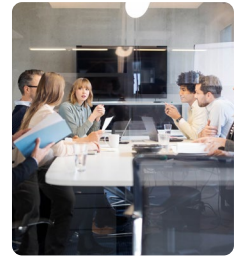
From 2026, it is anticipated that the rollout of the collection system from households could start, along with other measures set out in the consultation.

Policy proposals arising from the call for evidence are likely to be phased in over a longer period.

The table below summarises some of the key proposals and how they might affect different Producers and Distributors;

See chart on the next page >





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WHO?	WHAT?
All Producers	Nation data reporting which would allow performance to be measured nation-by-nation (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales)
Small Producers	Review of whether the current 5 tonne threshold is still appropriate.
B2C Producers	Be responsible for financing kerbside collections of small household WEEE Finance bulky waste collections for householders for large items of WEEE (eg. washing machines and fridges)
B2B Producers	Be responsible for B2B WEEE from the end user's premises, rather than from the Producer's premises or the treatment facility Change to the classification of household (B2C) and non-household (B2B) equipment, which could result in the route to market being a factor (eg. if equipment is sold through professional channels, it could be classed as B2B) Ban businesses disposing of equipment that is not end of life (eg. surplus stock or customer returns of unwanted equipment)
Vape Producers	Create a new category for vapes This will help ensure Producers of vapes pay the full cost of separate collection and recycling of waste vapes
Distributors (Internet sellers and retailers with physical stores)	Provide a free of charge collection of large domestic appliances (eg. washing machines, dishwashers, fridges, freezers and TVs) when delivering new equipment to homes Internet sellers with a turnover of more than £100,000 of electrical sales each year to offer take-back of unwanted equipment on a one-for-one, like-for-like basis Retailers with physical stores who have a turnover of more than £100,000 of electrical sales each year to provide free takeback of unwanted electrical equipment in store without the need to purchase a new item (0:1 takeback) Make customers aware of their disposal options for unwanted equipment at the point of sale No longer be responsible for transporting WEEE to a Compliance Scheme's nominated collection point. Instead, Producers would be responsible for this cost
Online Marketplaces	A new category of Producer could be created for online marketplaces and potentially fulfilment houses This would require; Registration with a Compliance Scheme. Paying registration fees to the Regulator Submitting data on the amount of EEE placed on the market by their overseas sellers. Contribute to the financial obligations arising from EEE that is placed onto the UK market via their online platforms.



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17 | Meet a team member: Farwa Nasir



challenges. I work closely with Operations team which includes signing off invoices logging them and getting them sent for payment.

Q What motivates you in your role?

A I am still learning the different functions of my role which involves different tasks daily. The team is very friendly and supportive which helps a lot.

Q What do you enjoy doing outside work?

A I love baking. Since COVID19 I have been baking birthday cakes for my children which seem to be getting better with each passing year :)

Q Your favourite music band(s)?

A The music I enjoy listening to is RnB, Usher, Akon and Beyonce.

Q Favourite holiday destinations?

A My favourite holiday destination is Phuket in Thailand. I loved the food, weather, water and scenery.

Thanks Farwa for sharing a little about yourself and your new role, we wish you the best with it.

Look out for another new face in our Q2 newsletter.

Q How long have you been with ERP UK?

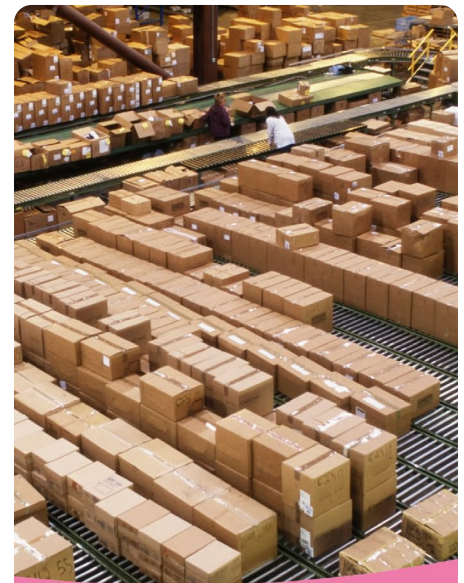
A I have been with ERP UK since end of January 2024.

Q Tell us about your experience before joining the ERP team?

A Before joining ERP UK, I was worked for a software analytics company which focused on solutions for retailers and CPGs using in-depth algorithms. I worked within the finance team as a Accounts Payable ensuring the supplier side of finance was manged correctly.

Q What does a typical day look like for you?

A I don't have a typical routine day, Each day requires different skills and



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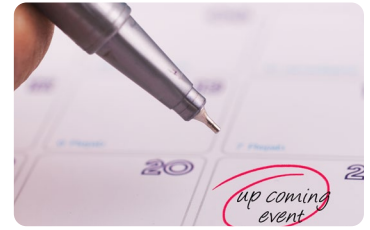
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18 | Events & workshop diary



Awards for Excellence | Date: 16th May 2024 | **Venue:** The Grosvenor, London

Step into the world of environmental excellence at the 21st Awards for Excellence in Recycling and Waste Management, hosted at the illustrious Grosvenor Hotel, a five-star haven in the heart of London.

This Awards Luncheon stands as the most prestigious event in the environmental calendar, offering an unparalleled platform to showcase our remarkable accomplishments and champion the dedication of our peers and clients in the realms of recycling, reuse, and waste reduction.

Event details [here](#).

National Civic Amenity Site Conference 2024 | Date: 04th July | **Venue:** Birmingham

The conference is designed to



provide a comprehensive exploration of the latest guidance and invaluable advice for individuals involved in the management and operation of civic amenity sites. Discover cutting-edge strategies to enhance efficiency, sustainability, public engagement, and more.

Event details [here](#).

LARAC Wales | Date: 09th July
Venue: Cardiff

This conference will dive deep into pressing issues, including effective communication with the public regarding reuse and repair initiatives, as well as the intricate landscape of Extended Producer Responsibility reform. The line-up of distinguished speakers, representing various facets of the waste sector, will address pressing topics, and explore key challenges and successes.

Event details [here](#).



ERP WORKSHOPS and WEBINARS for 2024

Our workshops provide detailed training for our members about the Regulations and how to apply them in your business.

They are FREE to attend and members give very positive feedback about their helpfulness.

Webinars/ workshops coming up

April
Amendments/updates to ERP packaging data | Date: 18th April | **Time:** 10am – 11am | Online webinar

May
Amendments/updates to ERP packaging data | Date: 1st May | **Time:** 10am -11am | Online webinar

Visit our webpage for a list of upcoming workshop and webinars in 2024 - visit our site [here](#).





19 | ERP's EPR glossary

AATF 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

DRS Deposit Return Scheme

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)

NRW Natural Resources Wales

ODS Ozone Depleting Substance

PCB Polychlorinated Biphenyl

PCB Printed Circuit Board

PERN Packaging Waste Export Recovery Note

PP Polypropylene

PPT Plastic Packaging Tax

PRN Packaging Waste Recovery Note

PRO Producer Responsibility Organisation

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

Packaging Regulations means The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations 2017 (SI 2007/871)





20 | Get in touch

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