

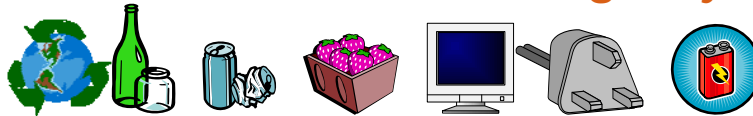
Newsletter

Issue Five

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Producer Responsibility

*Keeping you up to date with the latest news
from the Environment Agency*



Welcome to the fifth issue of our newsletter for customers and stakeholders with an interest in Producer Responsibility.

Producer Responsibility uses the polluter pays principle, making businesses who place products on the market take on some of the waste management costs of their products when they reach the end of their life. WEEE, Packaging and Batteries were considered as priority waste streams which needed tackling due to growing concerns about their impact on the environment. The UK must meet its national targets for recovery and recycling of these wastes set under each EU Directive. The Producer Responsibility legislation regimes regulated by the Environment Agency now include the waste streams; Packaging, WEEE and Batteries. The packaging legislation has been enforced by the Environment Agency since 1997 and the WEEE legislation since 2006. The batteries regulations are a new addition which the Environment Agency is partially responsible for regulating.



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Packaging Consultation launched by DEFRA



There is still time to comment on the Packaging Consultation launched by DEFRA. You can access this by [clicking here](#). Closing date is the 27th May 2010.

WEEE amendment fact sheet produced

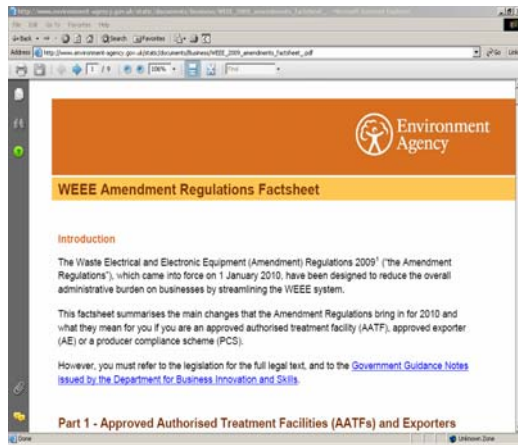
A factsheet detailing the recent amendments to the WEEE Regulations was sent out recently to AATFs (*approved authorised treatment facilities*) and AEs (*approved exporters*) This highlighted the changes to the data reporting requirements and in summary, as of 1st January 2010 operators of AATFs and AEs are now required to collect and report the following additional data:

- Name of Scheme(s) WEEE is received from or on behalf of
- Total non-obligated WEEE received by category of WEEE
- Total tonnage of evidence issued to each scheme

The regulations set out a requirement for this data to be submitted each quarter from Quarter 1 of 2010; however we have reached an agreement with BIS (*Department for Business Innovation & Skills*) that we will not collect this additional data until we have amended the reporting templates. We expect our system and the reporting template to be revised for submission of data in quarter 3.

Please note that this agreement is only in respect of reporting the additional data to us. You are still required to collect the data and retain this until we have revised the system and templates to enable you to report the data to us.

We therefore won't ask for returns in the new format until quarter 3 of 2010. Returns for quarter 1 and 2 of 2010 should still be submitted in the same format as previous returns, using our template and guidance from the below link. The regulations have removed the need for you to report on materials being sent to reprocessors.



The following provides a link to our guidance on data reporting:

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/business/topics/waste/99192.aspx>

We will provide you with further updates on the revisions to our data reporting system and the revised templates and indicate to you when we expect to roll this out.

To view the fact sheet please [click here](#)

Batteries in WEEE - briefing note for AATFs and AEs



We have also published a briefing note for all AATFs and AEs setting out what they should be doing with WEEE that they receive, which contains batteries. AATFs and AEs must exclude the weight of batteries from their reports to us, and should be removing batteries from WEEE since this is classed as BATRRRT. (*Best Available Treatment, Recovery and Recycling techniques*) This note also gives some brief messages on what to do with the separated waste batteries. To view the fact sheet please [click here](#)

PRN Prices

For the latest PRN prices please click [here](#)

News from the courts



**Prosecutions from Quarter 4 –
January 2010 to March 2010**

THE GREAT WESTERN WINE COMPANY LIMITED - £35k

For further details please [click here](#)

YOUNG & CO'S BREWERY PLC - £30k

For further details please [click here](#)

BRANTANO (UK) LTD - £30k

For further details please [click here](#)

KOMORI UK LTD - £16k

ELITE FROZEN FOODS LIMITED - £9.9k

LIVING VENTURES RESTAURANTS LIMITED - £4k

CHAMP CHICKEN COMPANY LIMITED - £1.2k

GO OUTDOORS LIMITED - £0.5k

Help and Advice

To visit our Waste Packaging and Producer Responsibility internet pages please click [here](#)

To visit our WEEE pages please click [here](#)

To visit our Batteries pages please click [here](#)

How to contact Producer Responsibility Regulatory Services

packaging.waste@environment-agency.gov.uk

weee@environment-agency.gov.uk

batteries@environment-agency.gov.uk

Reporting Free Riders

If you have information on non compliant businesses that you want to pass on to us you, for example business you believe should be registered (*free riders*), you can do this via a free phone number - **0800 023 2090**. This number links to a voicemail system and so you do not have to speak directly with us. Alternatively you can use the contact e-mail addresses given above to send information to us.

Need further help or advice?

Our National Customer Contact Centre is on hand to advise you. Call them on **08708 506506**

Netregs - environmental guidance for your business



NetRegs provides free environmental guidance for small and medium-sized businesses in the UK. We will help you to understand what you need to do to comply with environmental law and protect the environment. We may even help you to save money by showing you ways to use your resources more efficiently. For further details, please [click here](#)



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