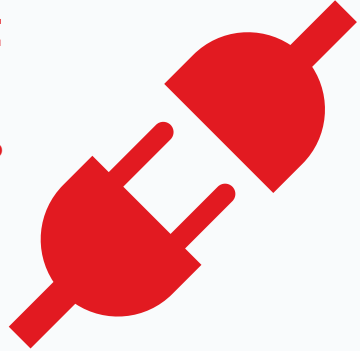


Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations

Waste legislation can be complex and difficult to comprehend. Our straight talking, no nonsense guides to make it easier to understand how each law affects you. Compliance comes as standard in everything we do, protecting your organisation every step of the way.



1. Overview

Implements European legislation designed to pass the environmental impact of end-of-life disposal of waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) back up the chain. In place in UK since 2007.

2. Are you affected?

- If your company imports, sells under own brand or manufactures in the UK electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) you must register as a producer.
- If you sell EEE for household use, you must either offer to take back WEEE free of charge or join the Distributor Takeback Scheme. You must also provide in-store or on-line information on WEEE recycling.

3. Summary

- If you are a Producer, you must register with a Producer Compliance Scheme (PCS).
- You must report data on a quarterly basis showing the amount or EEE you have placed on the market.
- Each producer will have a market share responsibility for collected household WEEE in relation to the amount they place on the market.
- PCSs must contract with Local Authorities and others that collect household WEEE to meet their market share obligations.

- PCSs will pay the cost of collecting, treating and recycling sufficient WEEE and pass these costs on to their members.
- Where they have over or under supply, they can trade evidence. All collected WEEE therefore gets paid for.
- For business WEEE, end users have a right to free disposal from the brand owners of the WEEE they wish to dispose of.
- Approximately 5,800 businesses are registered.

4. What next?

The government is reviewing these Regulations to meet the requirements of the revised European WEEE Directive which imposes a 45% target on EEE placed on the market from 2016. A consultation will be issued in April 2013.

5. More information

- Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2006
- EA WEEE Regulations website
- Department of Business Innovation and Skills.