

Where to find out more

You can get more information on the regulations from the Northern Ireland Environment Agency website:

www.ni-environment.gov.uk/waste

You can phone us:

(028) 9056 9387

or email us:

weee@doeni.gov.uk

The Department for Business Innovation & Skills also has lots of up-to-date and in-depth information on their website:

www.berr.gov.uk/whatwedo/sectors/sustainability and then please scroll down to Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)

There is also information on NetRegs website:

www.netregs.gov.uk

Other businesses

Even if you are not a producer and you either sell or handle electrical and electronic equipment or this type of waste, the regulations may still affect you. There may also be business opportunities open to you. We advise you to read the guidance available using the recommended links so you become familiar with the regulations.



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rules on electrical products

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The WEEE Regulations

What has happened?

Regulations have been introduced to tackle the growing amount of waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE). The WEEE Regulations affect all companies who import, manufacture or re-brand electrical equipment in the UK. They now have to finance the treatment, recovery and disposal of WEEE.



WEEE is one of the fastest growing waste streams in the UK and the EU. Every year we throw away 30,000 tonnes of WEEE in Northern Ireland. In 2003, the EU adopted the WEEE Directive to deal with this waste. We want to see more waste being collected for treatment and recovery and less going to landfill.



What you should be doing

- Every company in the UK that manufactures, imports or re-brands electrical and electronic equipment (known as EEE) is now a 'producer' and should have joined an approved producer compliance scheme.



- If the regulations apply to you and you have not already joined a compliance scheme, you must now do so as a matter of urgency.

- You will have to pay a registration fee to the scheme and supply data on how much electrical and electronic equipment you have placed on the market.

- You will also need to say whether you supplied the equipment for household or business use.

- You will be given a WEEE producer registration number that you must give to anyone who distributes or sells your equipment.



All new electrical products placed on the market after **1 April 2007** should be marked with the crossed out wheeled bin symbol and a producer identification mark. Producers who supply products to other European States will already be doing this. As well as a registration fee, you now need to finance the costs associated with the treatment and recycling of separately collected WEEE. You can do this through your compliance scheme. There are separate requirements if you supply non-household electronic and electrical equipment, for example to businesses.

More information

The government and devolved administrations have published guidance on the WEEE regulations. See overleaf for web site links.

What you need to do now

- Collate data on the EEE that you have placed on the market from 2006 onwards so you have this information ready.
- Decide on which compliance scheme to join. View a list of approved schemes on the Northern Ireland Environment Agency website.
- If you wish to run your own compliance scheme please contact the Northern Ireland Environment Agency.