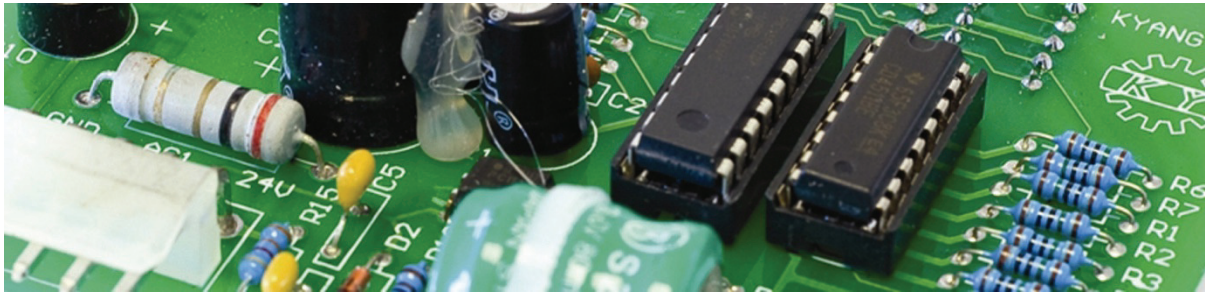




B2BWEEE-Scheme

A Producer Compliance Scheme for UK B2B Producers

ENVIRON's B2BWEEE-Scheme was the first Producer Compliance Scheme (PCS) to be approved by the Environment Agency under the UK WEEE Regulations. All importers and manufacturers (collectively known as producers) of electrical and electronic equipment must join an approved PCS within 28 days of placing products on the UK market.



UK WEEE REGULATIONS

The UK WEEE Regulations were published on 12th December 2006 and came into force on 2nd January 2007, requiring all existing producers in the UK to:

- Register through an approved Producer Compliance Scheme (PCS) by 15th March 2007.
- Provide arrangements for collection, treatment and recycling of WEEE starting from 1st July 2007.
- State their WEEE registration number on all invoices to distributors from 1st July 2007.

All schemes are subject to a £12,174 charge payable for the first approval and every three years thereafter. This charge is shared by the members of a PCS. Each producer must also pay a registration fee to the Environment Agency via their compliance scheme.

After 15th March 2007 it is a criminal offence to put electrical and electronic equipment onto the UK market without being a member of an approved PCS.

The WEEE Regulations delineate WEEE into household and non-household (or B2B) waste. The rules for compliance differ between these two types of WEEE, and the obligations and services described here apply for producers of B2B WEEE only.

ARE YOU A PRODUCER?

You are a producer for the purposes of the WEEE regulations in the UK if you:

- Manufacture and sell electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) under your own brand in the UK.
- Resell EEE manufactured by another person under your own brand in the UK.

- Import EEE into the UK on a professional basis (e.g. as a distributor or reseller).

Therefore, you are a producer if you are the first to put the equipment onto the UK market - i.e. if you are the first to make it available for distribution or use.

PRODUCER OBLIGATIONS

A producer placing EEE on the UK market must join an approved PCS within 28 days of selling their products. The PCS must be approved by the Environment Agency, SEPA or the Department of Environment in Northern Ireland. ENVIRON's B2BWEEE-Scheme was the first to be approved by the Environment Agency.

A producer, or a PCS acting on its behalf, is obligated to provide arrangements to finance the collection, treatment and recycling of WEEE arising from sales of its products.

B2B producers must report yearly, via a PCS, the weight of equipment they have placed on the market in each WEEE category, and each quarter the amount of the WEEE that has been collected and recycled, and the number of units made available for reuse.

ENVIRON'S B2BWEEE-SCHEME

B2BWEEE-Scheme provides all the services required in order for its members to fulfil their legal obligations under the WEEE Regulations, including:

- Registering members as UK producers with the Environment Agency.
- Reporting to the EA the amounts and types of EEE put on the UK market each year by its members.

- Reporting quarterly to the Environment Agency the amounts and types of WEEE collected and recycled and the number of units made available for reuse.
- Declaring compliance annually to the Environment Agency against obligations for the collection, treatment, recycling and environmentally sound disposal of WEEE that arise from its members' sales of EEE, including compliance with the recovery and recycling targets.
- Providing evidence notes from approved treatment facilities to the EA in support of these declarations.

UK producers and foreign manufacturers can register through B2BWEEE-Scheme. If you manufacture or rebrand EEE and are not legally established as a business in the UK, you can register as a producer on behalf of your distributors, so that they can continue selling your products in the UK. You must provide your distributors with your WEEE registration number.

FLEXIBILITY OF MEMBER OPTIONS

Under the UK WEEE Regulations, a PCS may arrange the collection, treatment, recycling and environmentally sound disposal of WEEE on behalf of its members, but this is not a mandatory requirement. A PCS can offer these chargeable services to members, who are nonetheless free to organise this themselves—as long as they report the appropriate data to their PCS.

ENVIRON's B2BWEEE-Scheme offers its members the flexibility of the following options:

Option 1: The Scheme handles registration and reporting but members make their own arrangements for collection, treatment and recycling

ENVIRON's B2BWEEE-Scheme offers members the option of arranging the collection, treatment, recycling and environmentally sound disposal of their WEEE themselves. A major benefit of this approach is that members can continue to use any existing arrangements they have with treatment facilities and recyclers.

The UK WEEE Regulations require PCSs that allow members to organise their own recycling to: "demonstrate that individual producer members will themselves arrange the collection, treatment and recycling of WEEE".

To demonstrate this with a high level of confidence, the B2BWEEE-Scheme will carry out an audit of the member's arrangements as a condition of membership. The extent and depth of the audit will vary depending on the size, complexity and basis of the member's arrangements. Audits may be waived at our discretion.

Prospective members wishing to use their own planned or existing collection and recycling arrangements should contact us as soon as possible so that the suitability of the arrangements can be confirmed.

Option 2: The Scheme handles registration and reporting and also provides a system for managing collection, treatment and recycling of members' WEEE

As well as handling registration and reporting, our B2BWEEE web-based compliance management system can—as a minimum—manage and communicate WEEE collection and recycling arrangements to business end-users in the UK. This system also enables members to manage collection, treatment and recycling in all EU Member States in which they have an obligation, not just the UK. Members using the system can still use their recycler of choice or ENVIRON's recommended Pan-European recycler.

Members are encouraged to negotiate with their business end-users to bear the cost of the collection and transport of the WEEE to the treatment facility.

A major benefit of either option is that members can contract directly with waste handlers and recyclers and so avoid the management fees levied by other schemes for managing this activity.

JOINING THE SCHEME

To join the scheme, please go to www.b2bweee-scheme.com. Application for membership is made through the registration page.

When you submit your application on www.b2bweee-scheme.com, a document containing your membership details is generated in pdf format. You must print this off, sign it and return to us with the supporting documentation requested. Your membership of B2BWEEE-Scheme commences on receipt of the signed documents. We will then issue you with an invoice for membership.

MEMBERSHIP RULES AND FEES

Full details of the rules of PCS membership and our fees are available at www.b2bweee-scheme.com

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