

## Becoming a Recolight Member

### Why Recolight?

Recolight is the UK's specialist WEEE lamp compliance scheme. We consistently exceed our legal obligations to ensure that all measures possible are taken to increase recycling rates, and ultimately prevent waste lamps from entering landfill.

Recolight was set up by and for the lamp industry, with Philips, Osram, GE, and Havells Sylvania on the Recolight board. We now have more than 80 producer and importer members. We are not for profit – that means any excess payments are used to build prudent reserves for future recycling – and not to pay out dividends to any shareholder or company.

We are active in lobbying government at UK and European level to ensure the WEEE directive is right for the lamp industry.

We have lamp compliance scheme partners in virtually every European country, so we can help you with recycling lamps across Europe, making sure you meet your obligations under the WEEE Directive. We also have a mechanism that allows us to refund the recycling charge for any lamp exported from the UK by your customers.

We only use properly licensed and qualified lamp recycling subcontractors, with good health and safety track records, so that your customer's returned waste lamps are promptly removed and treated by expert companies.

Recolight are proud to be regarded by the UK Government as the authoritative source of advice on WEEE for lamps.

### LED Lamps

As of May 2009, LEDs have been classed by the Environment Agency as "in scope" for the WEEE regulations. They will also be specifically named in the scope of the recast of the WEEE Directive, due to be finalised in 2011/12.

As a result, companies importing or producing LED and OLED lamps need to comply with the WEEE regulations now. Recolight membership ensures that LED and OLED Producers are compliant with the law, and that they can also offer free recycling to their customers. Any company that manufactures LEDs can get in touch with Recolight and speak to us about recycling options, and how to prepare for the future.



*Recolight has funded the recycling of over 100 million lamps, preventing OVER a THIRD of a tonne of mercury from entering landfill*

### Free lamp recycling

We help you and your business customers recycle by providing a range of free recycling services:

- For regular large quantities of lamps, we can set up a free collection point.
- For a large refit project, we will lease a container, and collect it free of charge.
- We also have a container lease option for smaller quantities, with free collection
- And you can send your customers to our nearest fully funded recycling point, using the collection point locator on our website.

We also help your consumer customers recycle. There is now a network of over 700 CFL recycling points set up by Recolight at Sainsbury's, Robert Dyas, Homebase and other community locations across the UK and we are committed to expanding this rapidly.



## **We believe in keeping things simple...**

Recolight is the leading compliance scheme for WEEE lamps in the UK. To date, we have funded the recycling of more than 100 million lamps, which has prevented about one third of a tonne of mercury from entering landfill.

During this same time, the lighting industry has been responsible for collecting and recycling more items of WEEE than any other type.

In 2010, lamps accounted for just 2% of the tonnage of business electrical equipment placed on the market in the UK, but accounted for over 22% of the business WEEE collected, according to Environment Agency figures.

This is an enormous achievement demonstrating the lighting industry's commitment to recycling and is testament to the successful mechanisms put in place by Recolight to make recycling as simple and efficient as possible.

Recolight is financially sound and as a not for profit company any excess funds are retained for future years' recycling. Recolight is operated by the lighting industry, on behalf of the lighting industry.

Simplicity for our Members and simplicity for their customers is one of the reasons why Recolight's

membership continues to grow rapidly – last year our membership grew by 20 per cent and includes the leading lamp manufacturers as well as smaller and niche importers and own-branders.

## **What about Regulation 9.2?**

Regulation 9.2 in the UK's regulations allows producers to pass all their obligations for recycling on to their B2B customers – but only if there is a clear agreement between producer and the final business end user.

Given the complex, multi-level distribution networks that exist in our industry, we are convinced that this cannot work for lamps. What is more, by passing the liability onto your customer, you are giving them a problem (how to recycle), rather than a solution (recycling available through Recolight).



### **Joining Recolight**

To join our compliance scheme, please email us at [ask@recolight.co.uk](mailto:ask@recolight.co.uk) phone us on **0845 601 7749**

To learn more about Recolight visit our website [www.recolight.co.uk](http://www.recolight.co.uk)

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## **About Us**

Established by the lighting industry in 2005, in accordance with the WEEE Regulations, Recolight is a not for profit company that takes on its members' responsibilities to collect and recycle their lamps at end-of-life. To date, Recolight funded the collection and recycling of approximately 100 million Gas Discharge Lamps, preventing over a third of a tonne of mercury from entering landfill.

Recolight provides a range of free services to businesses to make lamp recycling as simple and efficient as possible. Recolight is actively looking to expand its collection network which organisations can join for free. Approximately 250 of the existing Recolight collection points are open, providing collection to anyone.

Recolight is unique in the WEEE industry, in undertaking recycling far in excess of its legal obligations. This reflects the organisation's (and its members') genuine commitment to maximising the recycling of lamps.

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