

Introduction to the WEEE Regulations and Open Scope

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Summary of the WEEE regulations

- Objective to increase Waste Electricals
 recycled/reused and reduce landfill
- Polluter pays principle
 - Original producer is "polluter"
- Came into force July 2007
- Most products in scope from 2007
- Producer is:
 - Importer of product from outside the UK
 - o Own brander
 - Manufacturer inside the UK





Agbogbloshie, Ghana

Complying with the WEEE regulations

Producers must:

- Apply the crossed-wheelie bin symbol to product
- Join a WEEE scheme
 - Has duty to recycle to meet targets
- Report weight of product supplied in the UK
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 - ... and household/non-household
- Supply WEEE number to distributors
- Provide product information to help recycling









What products are in scope?

- Most electrical products already in scope
- From end 2018:
 - Exemption for household luminaires is removed
 - Some other products come into scope
- Cause is the move from "closed scope" to "open scope"







The 14 categories in the UK

- 1. Large household appliances
- 2. Small household appliances
- 3. IT and telecommunications equipment
- 4. Consumer equipment
- 5. Lighting equipment
- 6. Electrical and electronic tools
- 7. Toys, leisure and sports equipment
- 8. Medical devices
- 9. Monitoring and control instruments
- 10. Automatic dispensers
- 11. Display equipment;
- 12. Cooling appliances containing refrigerants;
- 13. Lamps
- 14. PV panels





Examples of household luminaires now in scope

- Decorative lighting chains
- Ceiling rose with flex and lamp holder
- Table, wall, ceiling, pendant and other light fittings
- Flood lights with/without PIR detector
- Smart LED mirrors
- Trailer light board detachable lights for caravans and trailers
- Indoor and outdoor luminaires

All reported in category 5

Removeable lamps must be reported separately in category 13





Examples of household luminaires now in scope



Examples of other products now in scope

Wiring accessories category 2

- o e.g. switches, dimmers, plugs, sockets and adaptors
- Consumer units and circuit breakers category 9
- The lamps category 13 includes:
- All existing gas discharge and LED lamps plus:
- LED tape and strips
- Multi-functional lamps
 - o e.g. with wi-fi booster, PIR sensor, or speakers
- Smart lamps
 - o e.g. programmable, colour changing





Dual use product

- Product that could be used by a business or household
- Must be recorded as Household
- Typical lighting examples include:
 - Downlighters
 - o Batten fittings
 - Corridor and bulkhead fittings





Timescales and actions to comply

2018	 New producers must join a PCS by 15th November 2018 Small producers (<5 tonnes) may register directly Receive WEEE registration number
2019	 Existing and new producers must record weight of product supplied from January 2019 For luminaires, weight should include base/shade supplied with the fitting Recolight secure online Black Box for reporting
2020	 Recolight receives target based on prior year product supplied Recolight charges incorporate cost of recycling to meet target



How much will it cost?



2018	No charge
2019	 New Recolight scheme members: Recolight scheme membership (£150) Environment agency charges (currently £445, increasing to £750) Increase NOT passed on by Recolight in 2019
	 Existing Recolight scheme members:
	No additional charges
2020	 Newly in-scope product charges based on weight of product sold in 2020 Indicative cost per Kg available now. Fixed in Q4 2019.

Recolight always drive to reduce charges:

- B2B luminaire prices halved in April 2018
- LED prices reduced in 2018 and 2019



Summary

- No change for most electrical producers
- New producers (eg household luminaire, wiring accessory) must register with a WEEE Scheme by 15 November 2018
- Only additional costs in 2019 will be:
 - Scheme membership costs
 - Environment Agency charges

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