

The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) and Battery Regulations¹ in Ireland

Who does what and who can answer your queries?

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Table 1: Consumer, Producer and Retailer Role

Role	Responsibilities
Consumers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take care of Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE) so that others may use it when you have finished with it; • Bring back waste EEE (WEEE) and waste batteries to retailer free of charge, when you are buying a new item of similar EEE; and • Bring back WEEE and waste batteries to local civic amenity site for recycling, if not brought back to, or collected by retailer
EEE/Batteries Producers (Importers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register with the WEEE Register Society; • Self-comply or join an approved compliance scheme (WEEE Ireland or ERP); • Finance the take back of WEEE and waste batteries; • Report quantities of EEE/batteries placed onto the Irish Market (WEEE Blackbox); • Mark products with crossed-out wheelie bin symbol for WEEE and Batteries; • Take back WEEE free of charge on a one for one, like for like basis. Arrange/ provide take back facilities for batteries; • Dispose of, store and transport WEEE and waste batteries as set out in the WEEE and Batteries Regulations; and • Must meet collection, recovery and recycling targets for WEEE as per Schedule 10 of the WEEE Regulations. Must meet collection targets for batteries as set in Regulation 23(7) of the Battery Regulations.
Retailers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register premises with an approved compliance scheme (WEEE Ireland or ERP) or a local authority; • Distribute from a registered EEE producer supply chain; • Display the statutory notice; • Display visible Environmental Management Costs (vEMCs), where applicable; • Inform consumers of the take back and collection system(s) available to them; • Take back household WEEE free of charge when replacing on a one-for-one, like-for-like basis; • Take back waste batteries of similar type to those sold (free of charge)(note: no purchase of new batteries necessary); • Dispose of, store and transport WEEE and waste batteries as set out in the Regulations; and • Keep records on WEEE taken back, stored and collected by authorised collector.
Recovery operators (Facility for deposit, refurbishment, treatment, recycling or recovery of WEEE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recover and recycle WEEE and waste batteries in line with recovery targets; • Must have relevant Waste Facility Permit/ Licence/ Certificate of Registration (COR) where applicable; • Store and/or treat WEEE and waste batteries in accordance with the requirements of the WEEE and Battery Regulations; and • Record and maintain accurate records for WEEE and waste batteries (weight of EEE entering/leaving facility/weight of batteries)

¹ The European Union (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) Regulations 2014 ([S.I. No. 149 of 2014](#)), as amended The European Union (Batteries and Accumulators) Regulations 2014 ([S.I. No. 283 of 2014](#))

Table 2: Other Stakeholder Roles

Role	Responsibilities
Local Authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local enforcement responsibilities (particularly in relation to retailer obligations); and Management of civic amenity sites
Environmental Protection Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leads national enforcement of the WEEE and the Battery Regulations; Self-complying producers are required to report to the EPA; and Promotion of eco-design and re-use of EEE
WEEE Register Society Ltd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National producer registration body; Registration of producers of EEE and batteries; Notify Environmental Protection Agency where evidence of non-compliance encountered; Determine which categories/sub-categories EEE product belongs to; and Determination of market share of individual producers (through “Black box” function which is currently managed by Deloitte)
WEEE Ireland and European Recycling Platform (ERP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved producer compliance scheme; Provides collection of WEEE from the retailers of behalf of producers who join the compliance scheme; and Producers who join a compliance scheme are exempt from reporting to the EPA and from meeting recovery and recycling targets
Department of Environment, Community and Local Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issues/amends the WEEE and Battery Regulations; and Hosts WEEE Monitoring Group (stakeholder group monitoring implementation of the WEEE Regulations)

Table 3: Where to Direct your Queries

Role	Answer Queries On	Telephone	Web-site
Local Authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retailer registration (WEEE & batteries); WEEE and waste battery take-back; WEEE/waste battery collection; and Statutory notices 	Contact relevant local authority	See relevant local authority website
Environmental Protection Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal requirements for producers and retailers 	Lo Call 1890 33 55 99	www.weee-enforcement.ie

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WEEE Register Society Ltd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Producer registration; • Queries regarding whether a product(s) is EEE and within the scope of the WEEE Regulations; and • Monthly black box submissions for registered producers on type and quantity of EEE/batteries placed on the market 	01 6333550/ 01 4172228	www.weeeregister.ie www.weeeblackbox.ie
WEEE Ireland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WEEE/ Battery producer compliance scheme queries; • Collection of batteries; and • Retailer registration 	01 2999320	www.weeeireland.ie www.recyclefree.ie
European Recycling Platform (ERP)		01 6624040	www.erp-recycling.ie
Department of Environment, Community and Local Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy queries 	053 9117374	pri@environ.ie

Note that this list is indicative, and therefore not an exhaustive list of the roles and responsibilities of each of the stakeholders implementing the WEEE and Battery Regulations. For further information on producer and retailer responsibilities please refer directly to the European Union (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) Regulations 2014 (S.I. No. 149 of 2014) and the European Union (Batteries and Accumulators) Regulations 2014 (S.I. No. 283 of 2014) as amended.

Further guidance is also available on the [EPA website](#).

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