



Foundation

Appliances Recycling SA is an official Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) for Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) management in Greece. The company is established on June 2004 by the leading Producers in the electrical/electronic field and operates in the Greek market. The role of the company is to organize, coordinate and supervise all stages of WEEE management chain, including collection, transportation, storage, reuse and treatment of WEEE, so that hazardous substances are eliminated after the proper waste management and recovered materials are streamed back into production.

Mission and objectives

The mission of Appliances Recycling SA is based on the principle that preventive action should be taken by the polluter, in order to rectify environmental damage at source. The company's activities aim at the environmentally proper treatment of WEEE and the recovery of WEEE components in order to be used as raw material in the production of new products.

The company's objectives are:

- To contribute to the achievement of the national targets set by the Greek Legislation.
- To ensure excellence in environmental protection through a strict selection of suppliers and a continuous monitoring of the activities at all stages of the WEEE management chain.
- To continuously optimize the procedures of the company operation in order to improve efficiency at a low cost for the stages of the WEEE management.

Legal Background

The Directive 2012/19/EU on WEEE management was implemented in Greek legislation by the Joint Ministerial Decision (JMD) 23615/651/E.103 in 2014. Appliances Recycling SA is in compliance with the JMD and the guidelines for the WEEE management that are given by adopting specific measures and actions, giving priority to the prevention and preparing for reuse of WEEE, and the overall management of WEEE according to the categories described at the legislation (Annex III of JMD 23615/651/E.103).

Producers registered with Appliances Recycling S.A. fulfil their obligations relating to the management of WEEE imposed by Law 2939/2001 as modified by the Law 4496/2017, the Presidential Decree 117/2004 as modified by Law 3854/2010 and the JMD 23615/651/E.103 in compliance with the provisions of Directive 2012/19/EC.

Finally, Directive 2008/98/EC and Directive 2008/99/EC were applied in Greece by the Law 4042/2012 for criminal-law protection of the environment.

Appliances Recycling SA operation is furthermore in compliance with the legislative framework as listed below:

- Directive 2003/108/EU
- Directive 2002/96/EU
- JMD 181504/2016 National Producers' Registry of Hellenic Recycling Agency
- Decision 133480/2011 (Rules, terms and conditions for the Management of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)
- Presidential Decree 15/2006 (Transposition of EU Directive 2003/108/EU into National Law)
- JMD 112145/24.12.2004 about the mandatory invoicing of the recycling fee in a separate line.

WEEE Categories covered

The company's core business is the management of WEEE from domestic and business appliances of all 6 categories based on the latest WEEE Directive 19/2012, where according the Annex III of the Directive are the following: 1. Temperature exchange equipment, 2. Screens (including monitors/equipment containing screens), 3. Lamps, 4. Large equipment, 5. Small equipment and 6. Small IT and telecommunication equipment.

Shareholders

As of December the 31st 2018, Appliances Recycling SA has 10 shareholders, representing large and small household appliances, air conditioners, light equipment, lamps and electrical tools sold in Greece

Financing system

According to the EE Producer Responsibility principle, the WEEE management cost is financed by producers (manufacturers and importers) of Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE) based on the product volumes they place to the market. The WEEE Recycling Fee is used solely to finance Appliances Recycling SA operations. It does not generate any profit for either the Producers or the Distributors.

Logistics

Appliances Recycling SA collaborates with a wide network of transportation companies covering the whole country. The company aims at improving its economic efficiency and reducing the carbon footprint of WEEE transported by increasing the number of combined routes, double containers and the average weight of WEEE carried per container or truck.

Treatment providers

As treatment is the most critical activity from an environmental point of view the network of the affiliated treatment providers has been chosen on the basis of the operators' technological capabilities and geographical location, by means of a competitive tender. Treatment operators provide service in high quality level and they are contracted to comply with EN standards. Appliances Recycling S.A. sets the obligation to the contractors of treatment facilities to comply with the WEEELABEX requirements and to be certified by the WEEELABEX organization.

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