



## History

elretur is a Danish WEEE collection and treatment system that secures environmentally safe treatment and disposal of all WEEE. All producers and importers of EEE in Denmark are allowed as member of elretur. elretur is founded by a number of Danish trade associations including the Trade Association of Consumer Electronics, the Association of manufacturers and importers of Electrical Household Appliances and Danish Industry.

elretur was founded in 2005 and the first year was used for information activities, negotiation with the branches and the authorities and for admitting new members. elretur became operational on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006 which was the day producers took over the responsibility for collection and treatment of WEEE in Denmark.

## Legal background

The WEEE-directive was transposed into Danish legislation by the below regulations

- Act no. 385 of 25<sup>th</sup> May 2005 amending the Environmental Protection Act (Producer liability for electronic waste, etc.)
- Statutory Order no. 664 of 27<sup>th</sup> June 2005 on management of waste electrical and electronic equipment (the WEEE Order).

## National register

All producers and importers marketing products covered by the WEEE regulation are to be registered in the national WEEE registry maintained by the organization "WEEE-System"  
<https://www.weee-system.dk/CompanyList.aspx?SearchPage=PublicSearchAll&MenuID=55>

**Start of operations:** 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006

## WEEE categories covered

elretur covers B2B and B2C products in **all 10 WEEE categories**.

## Members

By 1<sup>st</sup> May 2007 elretur has approximately 900 members. Our total market share is around 85% with wide differences between the WEEE categories.

## Financing system

The producers report on a monthly basis the quantities of products sold. For seven WEEE categories the sales are reported in pieces while the last three categories are reported in weight. Based on the quantities of sold products the producers pay an environmental fee to elretur. The fees differ between WEEE categories but all members pay the same price for the same products.

The environmental fee covers elretur's administrative costs, fees to WEEE-system as well as the costs for the operators which collect and treat WEEE in Denmark.

## Collection system

Almost all WEEE in Denmark is collected through municipal 'recycling centers' where households and often also companies can deliver all kinds of waste. There are about 500 'recycling centers' in Denmark. The municipalities are responsible for the 'recycling centers' while elretur's operators pick-up and transport the WEEE from the centers to the treatment facilities.

## Transport partners

After a call for tender, elretur contracted five treatment operators which are now responsible for pick-up/transport and treatment of WEEE in various regions in Denmark. The treatment operators have made contracts with transport companies.

## Treatment partners

elretur's five treatment partners are:

- Averhoff Genbrug A/S
- DCR Miljø A/S
- H.J. Hansen Elektromiljø A/S
- Stena Techno World A/S
- Uniscrap A/S

## Results OR Expected results

In nine month of 2006 elretur collected and treated approximately 50,000 tons of WEEE.

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