



About WEEE Ireland

WEEE Ireland is a not-for-profit organisation, committed to delivering cost-effective compliance on behalf of Irish producer members under the approval of the Minister of Communications, Climate Action and Environment. WEEE Ireland has been operational since 2005 and has been the scheme of choice in Ireland maintaining majority market share across all sectors representing 96% of the Irish battery industry and 76% of the household and dual use electrical and electronic (B2C) industry.

Strategic Focus

WEEE Ireland's objective is to provide cost-effective compliance for WEEE and battery producers to meet the requirements under the WEEE and Battery Directives the Regulations whilst minimising the cost to the consumer.

As a collective Producer Compliance Scheme, WEEE Ireland maintains strategic focus on:

1. Cost effective services
2. Support for Members
3. Best in class compliance
4. Quality service to stakeholders
5. Open and transparent communications

Legislation

Producer responsibility under WEEE Directive 2012/19/EU & EU Battery Directive 2006/66/EC is transposed in Ireland under WEEE Regulations 2014 S.I. No. 149 of 2014 (as recently amended under S.I. No. 233 of 2019) and Battery Regulations 2014 S.I. No. 283 of 2014 (as amended). The WEEE Regulations 2014 - S.I. No. 149 of 2014 govern the sustainable production, reuse, recycling and appropriate disposal of WEEE. The WEEE Regulations are in place since 29th March 2014 and replace the 2005 and 2011 WEEE Regulations. As of the 31st of May 2019, the Iris Oifigiúil published the amended S.I. No. 233 of 2019 of the 2014 WEEE Regulations

2014 for the purposes of giving full effect to Directive 2012/19/EU on waste electrical and electronic equipment

The European Union (Batteries and Accumulators) Regulations 2014 (S.I. No. 283 of 2014), as amended came into effect on 30th July 2014 in Ireland and promote the recycling of waste batteries. In particular, they also facilitate the achievement of targets for the collection, treatment, recycling and disposal of waste batteries in an environmentally sound manner.

Registration in Ireland

Registering as a Producer of EEE and/or batteries in Ireland is a two-tier system. Producers must register with the [Producer Register Ltd](#) who are the national registration body for all WEEE or battery producers. Both B2C and B2B EEE producers and battery producers must register with the Producer Register Ltd. After registration with The Producer Register Limited, producers have the choice to join one of the two compliance schemes in Ireland or be self-compliant.

Members

In 2017, WEEE Ireland had a total of 927 members, representing 75% of the market share in Ireland. Producers of both EEE and batteries represents 76% of our members, whilst 16% and 8% are EEE only and battery only respectively.

WEEE Categories Covered

On behalf of our producer members, WEEE Ireland manages the collection of household e-waste, lighting equipment and batteries. WEEE Ireland operates under the approval of the Minister of Communications, Climate Action, and Environment as a compliance scheme for waste electrical and electronic equipment of all defined WEEE and lighting categories from 1 to 6 (1 to 10 prior to August 15th), as well as industrial, automotive and portable batteries.

Take-back system

WEEE Ireland organises awareness and collection programmes of household WEEE, lighting equipment and batteries from over 5000 collection points including retailers, civic amenity sites, public collection days and schools for recycling, on behalf of its Producer members. The majority of our WEEE take-back is collected via our retailer collection points.

In Ireland, all electrical retailers and wholesalers are obliged under the WEEE Regulations to take back WEEE free-of-charge if a customer is making a similar purchase. Likewise, in the case of home deliveries, electrical retailers and their

subcontractors are obliged to offer a free WEEE take back service on a 'like-for-like' basis.

For portable waste batteries, each retailer must provide free in-store take back of equivalent type as the batteries supplied by him or her. Retailers are required to take back waste batteries from members of the public free-of-charge on a 'one-for-zero' basis (no purchase necessary) and can avail of the WEEE Ireland blue battery box receptacles.

Logistics and Treatment System

WEEE Ireland has developed a successful logistics model coordinating contractors, corporate partners and local government to achieve collection targets and recovery rates, and are committed to implementing the WEEELABEX and EN equivalent quality standards for excellence in WEEE recycling for our members.

All small electrical waste is recycled at our WEEELABEX certified operator's state of the art facilities in Ireland, recovering resources for sustainable reuse in manufacturing, thereby supporting a more circular economy. All other waste appliances and batteries collected by WEEE Ireland are prepared for recycling in Ireland with final processing carried out at specialist plants in the UK, Belgium, Netherlands and Germany.

Finance System

As well as membership fees (joining and annual administration), producers also pay environmental/recycling management costs dependent on product type, volume and/or weight placed on the market each month.

Members of WEEE Ireland are charged Recycling Management Costs (RMCs) for their market share of environmentally sound management of WEEE and waste batteries using weight and unit data placed on the market for EEE and Batteries

In 2017 WEEE Ireland recognised longer-term future liabilities will arise from new technologies such as electric vehicle lithium batteries and Photovoltaic Cells (PV). Compliance Management Costs (CMC) for these product types are charged to cover, at a minimum, related compliance administration. The Scheme reserves the right to charge for their recycling and recovery at end of life when they arise.

Members are also charged visible Environmental Management Cost's (vEMC) which are included in the purchase of certain new appliances, shown visibly to the consumers and throughout the supply chain for the environmentally sound management of WEEE. vEMCs are published by the Producer Register Ltd. and is invoiced on units placed on the market reported to the market.

Annual report

On an annual basis, WEEE Ireland releases its Annual Environmental Report, detailing results of its collection, recycling and recovery rates, finance, compliance and marketing for that year. You can access the most recent annual reports on the website here: www.weeeireland.ie/annualreport

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