



Wecycle organises the collection and recycling of electrical appliances and energy-saving lighting (e-waste). Wecycle aims to collect as much e-waste as possible and to this end collaborates with municipalities, second-hand shops, retailers, schools, clubs & associations and consumers. Wecycle enables the responsible collection of e-waste on behalf of 1,600 producers and importers and guarantees high-grade recycling in environmental terms. Until February 2011, Wecycle has been known under the name NVMP Foundation. Wecycle is ISO certified. www.wecycle.eu.

Legal background

Wecycle started operations in 1999 and its foundation was based on the WEEE Management Decree of the Dutch government and an agreement with the branch associations of the EE Industry. The producers and importers have to participate in a collective system or have to establish system of their own. Since 1 August 2004 the Dutch regulation is extended to the full scope of the European WEEE Directive. As from 13 August 2005 also business to business e-waste and energy-saving lighting equipment are covered.

The producers and importers are held legally responsible for the collection and recycling of discarded electrical appliances and energy-saving lighting equipment. Wecycle acts as the executive organisation on their behalf. Relying on a compact team, Wecycle efficiently and effectively organises the nation-wide collection and high-grade recycling of e-waste. On behalf of the manufacturers and importers, Wecycle furthermore handles the notification and monitoring & reporting to the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment. Wecycle also initiates media campaigns.

Members

Wecycle works on behalf of six producer foundations, whose combined membership totals over 1,600 producers and importers. These foundations are Stichting Bruingoed, Stichting LightRec Nederland, Stichting Metalektro Recycling, Stichting Verwijdering Centrale Ventilatoren, Stichting Verwijdering Elektrische Gereedschappen and Stichting Witgoed.

In addition, Wecycle renders services to the Dutch Association Disposal Metaelectro Products (NVMP Association) in which the client foundations coordinate their respective policies and determine the funding of the system. The website www.producenten-verantwoordelijkheid.nl contains more information about the NVMP Association and the product foundations, including the annual reports of these foundations.

Research

Wecycle wants to gain a well-founded insight into, for example, the composition and characteristics of electrical waste and how consumers behave when possessing and discarding such items. It is also important to gain an insight into the so-called complementary streams: where does the e-waste that is not collected by Wecycle end up? To this end, Wecycle has ordered a variety of studies to be conducted.

Recycling & results

Responsible recycling results in reduced pressure on the environment and reduces the need to extract raw materials from nature. Watch several recycling videos in the Media Library on www.wecycle.eu.

In its annual report, Wecycle uses gives account of its procedures and results. To experience the latest report, please visit www.wecycle.eu/2010.

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