



Foundation

EES-Ringlus is the national compliance scheme for take back and recycling of waste from electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) and waste batteries of Estonia. EES-Ringlus was established in February 2005 by the producers and importers of EEE and batteries. There are 28 founding members. EES-Ringlus is a voluntary based and non profit organisation.

Legal Background

The WEEE Directive was transposed into Estonian law by August 2005.
The battery directive was transposed into Estonian law by September 2008.
For detailed information please see <http://www.envir.ee/959589>

Start of operations: 13th August 2005 (WEEE) and September 2008 (batteries)

Categories

EES-Ringlus covers **all categories of WEEE** directive and **all categories of batteries**.

Members

As of the 13th december 2012 a total of **95 members** signed up EES-Ringlus membership. These members represent about 80% the total EEE market in Estonia.

Financing the Scheme

There is two methods of financing the costs of EES-Ringlus at the moment

Each producer declares the weight of products they placed to the market on a monthly basis to the EES-Ringlus "black box". EES-Ringlus invoices the producer based on the real costs and its market share.

Fixed fee is fixed for some product categories like batteries and lamps.

Collection System

EES-Ringlus collecting WEEE through

- municipal collection facilities
- retailers
- by special mobile collection campaigns.

Currently (December 2012) EES-Ringlus collect WEEE through 107 collection point (including 70 municipal collection facilities). Additionally EES-Ringlus collect through retail chain.

The equipments are sub divided into 5 groups at the collection

1. cooling appliances
2. other large domestic appliances
3. CRT-appliances-like TV's and monitors
4. small appliances- like computers and other IT appliances, consumer electronics, small domestic appliances and others
5. lamps.

Treatment partners

At the moment EES-Ringlus having 13 collection/transportation partners and 5 treatment partners.

Results

EES-Ringlus has collecting approximately 1 300 tons of WEEE in year. Expectation for the year 2013 is 1230 tons.

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