



History/Foundation

EI-Kretsen is the Swedish nationwide compliance scheme for consumer and B2B products. Founded in 2001, it was initiated by 20 trade associations as a not-for-profit service organisation, to serve all importers and manufacturers obligated by extended producer responsibility, to take back electrical and electronic products.

Legal Background

The Swedish Ordinance on Producers Responsibility 2005:209 transposes the EU Directive on WEEE into national legislation. The Ordinance strictly follows the EU Directive.

The requirements on the producers' collection system are very stringent for consumer products, as all producers must have collection sites all over the country

WEEE Product categories covered

EI-Kretsen covers all 10 EU categories of WEEE. In addition, EI-Kretsen covers household luminaries and incandescent / filament bulbs, as there is additional by-legislation, which includes producer responsibility for these products.

Financing systems

The members finance the system through fees. The fees are based on the volume each producer put on the Swedish market, either with a price per unit or per kilo.

EI-Kretsen has more than 2300 customers.

Collection system

EI-Kretsens collection system includes over 2600 collection points. As a complement to this it is also possible for 1,5 million household to return their electrical waste close to the household.

Twenty logistic partners are used, all of them certified.

The products are sorted in 7 fractions at the collection sites (fridges/freezers, large white goods, small and medium sized electrical products, televisions and monitors, fluorescent tubes, lightning and portable batteries.

Treatment partners

Treatment plants are selected on the basis of competitive tender (quality, price and location are considered). For 2011, 32 plants in Sweden, Finland and Norway have been awarded contracts.

Results

In 2011 EI-Kretsen collected and recycled approx. 154 000 tons of WEEE, i.e. 16,27 kg per inhabitant.

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