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WEEE Malta is a not-for-profit waste compliance Scheme established in August 2015 by the Malta Chamber of Small & Medium Enterprises, GRTU. It manages Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) on behalf of Producers of EEE operating on the Maltese market.

Mission and objectives

WEEE Malta's mission is to constantly improve the collection, treatment and recovery of WEEE in order to contribute to the sustainable development and meet producers' legal obligation. WEEE Malta manages the collection of WEEE from collection points, including commercial entities and public civic amenity sites, their transportation to approved management facilities and foresee that the subsequent treatment phase is done with the best available technology and standards at the least of cost.

WEEE Malta's objectives are:

- to guarantee an effective and timely collection service to all registered producers putting EEE on the market and operating their own take-back system.
- to constantly improve its operational and economic efficiency, by optimizing its logistics network and creating economies of scale.
- to increase public awareness on WEEE recycling and environment protection.

Legal Background

The WEEE Directive (Recast) was transposed into Maltese Law through Legal Notice 204 of 2014 updating the Subsidiary Legislation 549.89. The legislation came into force as of 14th February 2014 and subsequently also repealed Legal Notice 63 of 2007. Additional regulations to the Subsidiary Legislation 549.89 were through Legal Notice 532 of 15 bringing into effect the provisions of Directive 2012/19/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 on waste electrical and electronic equipment and repealing Directive 2002/96/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 January 2003. S.L. 549.63(2). Producers' obligations came into force on 1st September 2015.

WEEE Categories covered

WEEE Malta covers the management of all WEEE categories but it is the market leader in appliances in Category 1 (refrigerators, freezers and air-conditioning), Category 4 (washing machines, dishwashers, hoods, ovens and water-heaters), and Category 4 (small household appliances, consumer electronics, IT devices and lighting equipment). Moreover, since its inception, WEEE Malta has been offering both to Members and to the market additional services based on technical and logistical expertise.

Members

As of March 31st 2019 WEEE Malta has 395 members, currently representing 63% of the total EEE placed on the Market in Malta.

Financing system

EEE registered Producers finance the WEEE Malta Operations through a fee per ton according to WEEE Categories or sub categories. The WEEE Recycling Fee is used solely to finance WEEE Malta operations: therefore, it does not generate any profit for either the Producers or the Distributors.

Logistics and treatment providers

WEEE Malta chooses its treatment providers on the basis of their technological capabilities. Since many of the material generated in Malta is exported to foreign facilities, the Scheme works hand in hand with approved waste brokers and ascertain that final recycling certificates are according to WEEE standards.

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