



## **ENVIDOM – Slovak association of producers of appliances for recycling**

### **Foundation**

ENVIDOM – the Association of producers of appliances for recycling was established as a non-profit association of special interest of private entities in March 2005 by the 10 of the largest producers/importers operating in Slovak republic.

### **Legal background**

In 2001 the Slovak government issued the Act on Waste No. 223/2001 as a legal base ruling the handling with waste. WEEE Directive was transposed to Slovak legal system through the Amendment of the Act on Waste No. 733/2004 from December 2, 2004.

In 17.3. 2015 was adopted new Act on waste No. 79/2015 and several decree related to WEEE issued by Ministry of Environment:

- Decree No. 371/2015 Z. z., applications and permits for handling with waste
- Decree No. 365/2015 Z. z., waste catalog
- Decree No. 366/2015 Z. z. Waste evidence and reporting
- Decree No. 373/2015 Z. z. Extended producers responsibility and management with specific waste

The legislation sets down:

- the obligation of producers/importers to ensure take-back, separate collection, collection targets, transport, recycling, recovery and environmentally sounded disposal of WEEE
- the obligation of consumers to hand in an end-of-life appliance to the take-back or separate collection system
- the obligation of producers/importers to ensure the collection of each kilogram of WEEE on the whole territory of Slovakia. Producers obligation is set down by their market share
- Permits and authorization for Producers responsibility organization
- Establishment and operation of the Coordination body for handling with WEEE

The legislation does not set down an obligation to municipalities to ensure the separate collection of WEEE. Municipalities are only obliged to provide producers/importers with their collection capacities and are allowed to ask for cost compensation. Nor retailers are obliged to realize the take back of any appliances.

Producers/importers are obliged to meet the collection and recovery targets set down by the governmental decree. Otherwise they have to pay penalty from up to 150 000 €, PRO up to 200 000€ and will lost the authorization immediately.

**Start of operations:** 13 August 2005

### **WEEE categories covered**

ENVIDOM was established to ensure the collection and recycling primarily for white goods (categories 1, 4 and 5). Actually ENVIDOM fulfil obligation for all weee categories except photovoltaic.

### **Members**

Since foundation the number of ENVIDOM members increased to 289 direct participants. ENVIDOM represents interests of manufacturers who make up 30% household appliances market in Slovakia.

### **Financing system**

Producers and importers as participants of the collective system ENVIDOM pay a visible recycling fee (in EUR per unit) when they put products onto the Slovak market. This money is paid on a monthly base and is used to finance the all WEEE. Financing of WEEE is revaluated year by year.

### **Collection system and logistics**

From 8/2005 retailers have obligation to take-back WEEE and ENVIDOM is still paying to retailers for every collected piece of old appliance. ENVIDOM has created a network of take-back points (2023 – more then 500 retailers). The registration of retailers as take-back points and transport requests for collected WEEE can be submitted through the Envidom website. Logistics partners of ENVIDOM have the access to this database of transport requests.

Beside this the collection of WEEE is organized through collection points run directly by municipalities or collection companies charged by municipalities or by mobile collection of WEEE (e.g. kerbside collection).

ENVIDOM cooperates with collection companies providing services of separate collection for communities and operating several collection sites. Along with this permanent collection sites and scheduled collection events, ENVIDOM in cooperation with several partners organizes also special mobile collections directly in communities from households.

### **Treatment partners**

In Slovak Republic the Ministry of Environment is the institution which assigns the authorization to treat WEEE to treatment companies. ENVIDOM cooperates with 7 treatment companies. After long-term absence of complex treatment technology, in 2006 recycling of cooling devices started on the territory of the Slovak Republic, thus

completing building of a complex of facilities for material recovery of all eliminated EEE. The stated facilities form a base for fulfilment of obligations of manufacturers and importers or distributors resulting from the valid EU legislation and its implementation in the legislation of SR.

## **Results**

In 2022 ENVIDOM ensured collection and recovery of 16 674 tons of WEEE. Take-back collection via retailers was 1470 ton, which is almost 9% of the total collected amount.

## **Other collective systems in Slovakia**

At present there are 8 other collective systems and 1 system operated by one individual producer. From 2016 it is running CC (Centre of coordination of WEEE collection) with all collective and individual WEEE systems. The main purpose is to ensure the collection everywhere in Slovakia according to market shares of the producers and guarantee to the municipalities, that all WEEE will be financed.

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