

HP and WEEE Compliance



Background

The European Union's Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive will be implemented in member states during 2005 and 2006. There are several obligations imposed on HP as a producer of electrical and electronic equipment. HP's compliance approach for each of these obligations is provided below.

1) Product Design

HP's Design for Recycling Standard is used to ensure that the design and production of HP branded electrical and electronic equipment takes into account the dismantling and recovery of WEEE and its components and materials.

2) WEEE Marking

All HP products that are subject to the WEEE Directive shipped from HP EMEA from August 13th 2005 are compliant with the WEEE marking requirements. Such products are marked with the "crossed out wheellie bin" WEEE symbol shown below in accordance with European Standard EN 50419



3) Information for Users

According to the timelines and requirements of European Union member state WEEE legislation, the following user information is provided to customers in 19 languages for all HP branded products subject to the WEEE directive.

"This symbol on the product or on its packaging indicates that this product

must not be disposed of with your other household waste. Instead, it is your responsibility to dispose of your waste equipment by handing it over to a designated collection point for the recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment. The separate collection and recycling of your waste equipment at the time of disposal will help to conserve natural resources and ensure that it is recycled in a manner that protects human health and the environment. For more information about where you can drop off your waste equipment for recycling, please contact your local city office, your household waste disposal service or the shop where you purchased the product."

4) Registration and Reporting

HP will fulfil all legal requirements and register with national authorities, on time, in all relevant countries. Registration and enforcement dates are country dependant. HP will also ensure that any information required for the calculation of HP's producer obligations will be provided as of the date specified in national legislation.

5) WEEE from private households

According to the timelines and requirements of member state WEEE legislation, HP will fulfill its obligations for the financing of collection, treatment, recovery and environmentally sound disposal of WEEE from private households deposited at collection facilities. To assist with this and to ensure fair competition in the market for recycling of electronic equipment, HP has joined forces with Sony, Braun and Electrolux to establish the European Recycling Platform (ERP). In Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Ireland, Poland, Portugal, Spain and UK ERP will be HP's preferred recycling scheme. In the other EU countries, HP will join a compliance scheme authorized for that country.

Where member state legislation requires it, HP will provide an appropriate guarantee for the management of WEEE resulting from HP branded product placed on the market after 13th August 2005.

6) WEEE from users other than private households

Subject to applicable laws and where replacement products are being supplied by HP, we will ensure the proper recycling of waste resulting from any brand of non-consumer electrical and/or electronic items purchased before August 13th 2005 arising at HP customers' (other than private householders) locations in the European Union.

For HP products sold after August 13th 2005, HP will ensure the proper recycling of waste resulting from those products arising at the customer's locations in the European Union

The costs of recycling described above are included in the product price as standard. The costs of collecting such waste from customer premises are not included in HP's standard offer; however HP can provide either a chargeable collection service, or addresses of locations where customers can return their products. Customers can access HP's recycling service by visiting www.hp.com/recycle

7) Treatment

In accordance with Community waste legislation, HP confirms that treatment and recycling of WEEE done on behalf of HP, either by a collective scheme or individually, will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the WEEE Directive, as set out in the implementing legislation of the member states, including requirements respecting special treatment for specified parts and overall recovery rates achieved.

8) Information to Recyclers

As required by the WEEE Directive, HP will provide reuse and treatment information for each type of new EEE put on the market within one year after the equipment is put on the market. HP will make required information available to reuse centers by the date specified in member state legislation, typically within one year after the new products have been put on the market or sold after 13th August 2005.