

The WEEE Directive

Waste of electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE), which includes telecommunications hardware and accessories, is expected to reach more than 12 million tonnes by 2020. We can all help to prevent this equipment from ending up in landfill sites through responsible reusing and recycling.

In order to do this, companies need to put environmental policies in place.

The European WEEE Directive requires the collection, treatment, recycling and recovery of waste electrical and electronic equipment. This applies to a wide range of electronic and electrical products, including telecoms. Under the WEEE, you can no longer throw away your old and unwanted hardware. Producers and importers are responsible for financing the collection, treatment and recovery of waste electrical and electronic equipment.

Reference: The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive 2012/19/EU (Original directive 2002/96/EC, amended by 2003/108/EC).

The European WEEE Directive affects the following categories:

- IT and Telecommunications Equipment
- Large Household Appliances
- Small Household Appliances
- Consumer Equipment and Photovoltaic Panels
- Lighting Equipment
- Electrical and Electronic Tools (with the exception of large-scale stationary industrial tools)
- Toys, Leisure and Sports Equipment
- Medical Devices (with the exception of all implanted and infected products)
- Monitoring and Control Instruments
- Automatic Dispensers

Please email us or call 01892 577577 if you require any advice or support on how the WEEE directive impacts your business.