



Directive 2002/96/EC on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE)

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- Around 14 kg per inhabitant/year
- Around 5 million tonnes/year
- Fastest growing waste stream (3 times faster than the growth of the average municipal waste)
- 90% of WEEE is landfilled, incinerated or recovered without pre-treatment



WEEE – objectives



- Divert WEEE from landfills and incinerators to environmentally sound re-use, recycling and other forms of recovery
- Preserve resources, in particular energy
- Harmonise national measures on the management of WEEE
- Producer responsibility



WEEE - Scope



- Definition of 'EEE' and 'EEE from households'
- EEE specified in Annex IA (product categories) and IB (product examples)
- Not covered by the scope:
 - EEE which is part of another equipment that does not fall into the scope of the WEEE Directive
 - Equipment intended for military purposes (arms, munitions and war material)
- Definition of 'WEEE'





WEEE – other provisions

- Product design
- Provisions for WEEE from households and for WEEE from other than households on:
 - Financing
 - Collection
 - Treatment
 - Recovery (+ targets)
- Marking requirements
- Information requirements





Implementation scenario

- 12/2002 Adoption by Council & Parliament
- 02/2003 Publication & Entry into force
- 08/2004 Deadline for notification by MS
- 08/2005 Collection systems operational Financing obligations start
- 03/2006 where we are now





Implementation scenario

- 12/2006 Collection & recovery targets EU15
- 09/2007 Report by MS on implementation followed by a report by the EC on MS implementation
- 07/2008 Report by MS on targets
- 12/2008 Council & EP to adopt review





Commission agenda

- What has been done?
 - 2004/249/EC on questionnaire
 - 2005/369/EC on data-formats
 - Meetings with Member States, Industry (round table and bilateral), NGO's, Governments of 3rd countries to
 - ☐ Give guidance
 - □ Clarify
 - Support implementation
 - Guidance document (FAQ)





Commission agenda

- What has to be done
 - Further guidance
 - WEEE 2008 review
 - □ New collection target
 - □ New recovery and recycling targets
 - ☐ Target for category 8 (medical devices)
 - □ Targets for reuse of whole appliances
 - Link to TS, WSR, other EPR examples







- Scope
- Grey Area Products
- Definitions
- Financial requirements
- National producer register
- Marking
- Annex II (treatment requirements)





WEEE 2008 Review

- Legal basis for the review
- Review will be informed by
 - Research study by AEA Technology & REC for Central & Eastern Europe
 - WEEE 2008 Review Study part I
 - WEEE 2008 Review Study part II (EPR)
 - WEEE 2008 Review Study part III (int.market)
 - Impact Assessment
 - Cross-check with MS reports







- Guidance document & WEEE 2008 Review <u>http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/waste/weee_index.htm</u>
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Thank you for your attention



