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WEEE – key data

- 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
WEEE topics

• 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
More information

• Guidance document & WEEE 2008 Review
  http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/waste/weee_index.htm

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Thank you for your attention