

## Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment

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- WEEE is a European directive controlling electronic and electrical waste.
- It is mandatory for all producers active in the European Union.



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## Legal background

The directive on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) was adopted by the European Union in 2003 and amended in 2012 (2012/19/EU). It has been transposed into national law by each EU member state. Based on these national laws, all producers (as defined by the directive) of electric and electronic products are obliged to organise and finance the waste management of used electric and electronic products which they have put on the market.

The main purpose of the WEEE directive is the prevention of waste and in addition, the reuse, recycling and other forms of recovery of such wastes, to reduce the disposal of waste. The producers responsibility include:

- > Labeling requirements
- > Providing information to end-users, the channel and treatment facilities
- > Submitting sales and recovery data to the government
- > Take-back and recycling obligations
- > Control and monitoring of the whole product and waste stream

## Toshiba and WEEE

Toshiba followed the development of the WEEE directive from the very beginning by participating in related working groups on national and European level. In 2003 Toshiba established a department responsible for the implementation of WEEE in Europe. This department coordinates all necessary measures to be compliant with WEEE and corresponding laws in each of the EU member states.

Within Toshiba the requirements of the WEEE directive are part of a wide range of corporate environmental activities. Toshiba also assesses the environmental impact of its products during the product development and strives to maximise the recovery of resources.

## Take-back of end-of-life products

As an importer of electric and electronic equipment our operating companies, branch offices and sales partners in the European Union are considered producers as defined in the WEEE directive.

In all EU countries and most non-EU countries, Toshiba offers a suitable system for end-users to return end-of-life products. In order to fulfil the recycling and recovery targets. Toshiba participates in national schemes or individual take-back programmes.

In Belgium, the cartridges and tonerbags are recycled in cooperation with Close the Loop. More info can be found on the Toshiba website.



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