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PRESS RELEASE

The European Commission's Proposed Recast of the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive & the transposition of the Battery Directive

*Briefing and consultation session for Stakeholders
21st October 2009*

The European Union Directive on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE Directive) provides for the prevention and management of waste electrical and electronic equipment, by promoting its reuse, recycling and other forms of recovery, as well as improving the environmental performance of all the operators concerned during the life cycle of electrical and electronic equipment. The recast of this Directive aims to introduce the concept of Community Market, as well as increased targets on collection and recycling. Discussions are currently underway and the Presidency of the Council has issued a compromise text to seek ways forward on this dossier.

On the other hand, Directive 2006/66/EC, repealing Directive 91/157/EC or the Batteries Directive as it is commonly called, aims at minimising the negative impacts of batteries and accumulators on the environment. This is done through specific rules for the collection, treatment, recycling and disposal of waste batteries and accumulators.

MEUSAC together with **MEPA**, is organising a consultation session for stakeholders in relation to the current discussions taking place on the WEEE Directive and the transposition of the Battery Directive into Maltese law. Representatives from the Environment Protection Directorate within the Malta Environment and Planning Authority will be addressing this session, which will tackle the law as it stands at present, the possible repercussions of their interpretation and actions to be taken by operators.

The issues in question should be of particular interest to persons involved in these sectors:



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- Waste Management Industry
 - Environmental Organisations
 - Business Industry
 - Importing Industry
 - Any organisation representing the above interests

The session is going to be held on the 21st of October at Projects House in Floriana between 09.30am and 12.00pm.

Prior registration with MEUSAC is required. Registration forms should reach MEUSAC offices by not later than noon of Monday 19th October through this address: consult.meusac@gov.mt. The registration form is available online: <http://www.meusac.gov.mt/fme/526/default.aspx>

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STQARRIJA GĦALL-ISTAMPA

Il-proposta għar-riformulazzjoni tad-Direttiva dwar skart ta' tagħmir elettriku u elettroniku (WEEE) u t-transpożizzjoni tad-Direttiva dwar il-Batteriji.

Sessjoni ta' Konsultazzjoni nhar il-21 ta' Ottubru 2009

Id-Direttiva dwar skart ta' tagħmir elettriku u elettroniku (WEEE) tipprovdi prevenzjoni u mmaniġġjar ta' skart ta' tagħmir elettriku u elettroniku billi tippromwovi l-użu mill-ġdid, riċiklaġġ u rkupru, kif ukoll ittejjeb l-operat ambjentali tal-operaturi kkonċernati kollha matul iċ-ċiklu ta' ħajja ta' dan it-tagħmir. Ir-riformulazzjoni ta' din id-Direttiva tintroduċi l-kunċett tas-suq tal-komunità, kif ukoll miri oġhla ta' ġbir u riċiklaġġ. Bħalissa għaddejjen id-diskussjonijiet dwar ir-riformulazzjoni tad-Direttiva. Il-Presidenza tal-Kunsill harġet test dwar ir-riformulazzjoni tad-Direttiva li permezz tiegħu tixtieq tilhaq kompromess.

Minn banda oħra, id-Direttiva 2006/66/KE, li tirripella d-Direttiva 91/157/KE, jew kif inhi magħrufa ahjar id-Direttiva dwar il-Batteriji, tfittex li tnaqqas l-impatt negattiv li jhallu l-batteriji u l-akkumulaturi fuq l-ambjent. Dan isir b'regoli speċifiċi għal ġbir, trattament, riċiklaġġ u r-rimi tal-batteriji u akkumulaturi użati.

Il-MEUSAC flimkien mal-MEPA, qiegħed jorganizza laqgħa ta' konsultazzjoni għal partijiet interessati f'dak li għandu x'jaqsam mad-diskussjonijiet kurrenti dwar id-Direttiva WEEE u t-transpożizzjoni tad-Direttiva dwar il-Batteriji. Rappreżentanti mid-Direttorat għal Protezzjoni tal-Ambjent fi hdan il-MEPA se jkunu qed jindirizzaw din il-laqgħa. Il-laqgħa se tispjega l-liġi preżenti, ir-riperkussjonijiet eventwali tal-interpretazzjoni tal-liġijiet u l-azzjonijiet li għandhom jittiehdu mill-operaturi.

Din il-laqgħa għandha tkun ta' interess għal persuni involuti f'dawn is-setturi:

- L-industrija tal-immaniġġjar tal-iskart
- Għaqdiet ambjentali
- Neozjanti



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- Impurtaturi
 - Kull organizzazzjoni li tirrapreżenta dawn l-interessi

Il-laqgħa se ssir fil-21 ta' Ottubru ġewwa Projects House fil-Floriana bejn id-9.30am u 12.00pm.

Registrazzjoni għall-laqgħa hija miftuħa sa mhux aktar tard minn nhar it-Tnejn 19 ta' Ottubru f'nofsinhar fuq l-indirizz elettroniku: consult.meusac@gov.mt. Il-formola tar-registrazzjoni tinsab fuq is-sit elettroniku tal-MEUSAC: <http://www.meusac.gov.mt/fme/526/default.aspx>

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