

***Proposal for a Directive of the
European Parliament and of the Council on
WEEE (recast)***



Reasons leading to revision of the WEEE Directive

- Technical, legal and administrative problems
- The need for a simple, understandable, effective and enforceable regulatory environment
- The WEEE Directive foresees a revision:
 - general revision foreseen by the Directive
 - new collection target foreseen by Directive
 - new recovery/recycling targets foreseen by the Directive
 - possible inclusion of reuse of whole appliances
 - targets for medical devices
- Reduced administrative costs without lowering the level of environmental protection



Timeline of events

- Proposal issued – 3.12.08
- First discussions at Council – 9.03.09
- No agreement reached yet → Presidency compromise issued
- EP Opinion (1st Reading) – Indicative date 18.05.10
- Political agreement at Council
- EP Opinion (2nd Reading)
- Conciliation meeting



WEEE Recast –Compromise text

- The adaptation of new definitions in line with new WFD
- The introduction of new definitions including the concept of “Community market” (in the main proposal), amended in the compromise text
- The introduction of a 65% collection rate instead of current collection rate of 4kgs per inhabitant per year
- The increase of recovery and recycling targets and the introduction of targets for medical devices



WEEE Recast – Main proposals & compromise text

- The encouragement for producers to finance all the costs of separate collection of WEEE from private households
- The introduction of an allowance for a visible fee
- The introduction for the harmonisation of the registration of producers and reporting by producers
- The introduction of minimum inspection requirements with the aim of to improve the application of the WEEE Directive on the EU level.



Scope of Public Consultation

- Provide an overview of the recast directive
- Seek feedback on specific questions that will be presented for discussion



1: Scope

- Do you agree with the fact that this Directive should have a specific scope, as is currently the case; or would you prefer having an open scope?



2: Definitions

Changes in definitions of ‘producer’, ‘making available on the market’, and ‘placing on the market’.

- What are your views on the proposed definitions above?
- Do you foresee any problems in this regard?



3: Collection rate

The introduction of a 65% collection rate, which is to be achieved annually and starting in 2016, set in function of the amount of EEE placed on the market in the preceding two years, instead of the current collection rate of 4 kilograms per inhabitant per year.

The introduction of the possibility of having transitional arrangements which “may be laid down in accordance with the procedure referred to Article 18(2) to address difficulties faced by Member States”.

- Do you agree that a percentage target is preferable to a kg per capita target?
- Do you agree with the 65% target? Why?



4: Recovery targets

An increase in the targets by 5% for all categories and a proposal for the introduction of targets for medical devices (category 8) set at the level of those for monitoring and control instruments (category 9).

- Do you believe that these targets are achievable for Malta?



5: Financing in respect of WEEE

The introduction of a proposal where all Member States should encourage, where appropriate, producers to finance all the cost occurring for collection facilities for WEEE

- How could Malta ensure that producers provide at least from the financing of the collection, treatment, recovery and environmentally sound disposal of WEEE deposited at collection facilities?



6: Information for users

The introduction of a measure whereby “Member States shall ensure that producers are allowed to show purchasers, at the time of sale of new products, the costs of collection, treatment and disposal in an environmentally sound way”.

- Do you agree with this proposal?



7: Registration, information and reporting

The introduction of a measure to harmonise the registration of producers and reporting by producers in the EU

- Do you agree with the introduction of a new provision for the harmonisation of registration of producers, including all relevant information such as reporting requirements and fees?



Thank you for your attention!!!

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