Quick Guide for Producers of EEE

SL. 549.89 – the Waste Management (Electrical & Electronic Equipment) Regulations

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Are you a Producer of Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE)?

NO → You do not have producer obligations under the WEEE Regulations (SL 549.89)

However, check whether you have any obligations under the Packaging Regulations (SL 549.43) and/or the Batteries Regulations (SL 549.54).

YES

- Upon placing EEE on the market you shall **register** with ERA
- **Renew** your registration with ERA on an annual basis
- **Deregister** within 20 working days of ceasing to place EEE on the market

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- Self-Comply → Upon registration submit WEEE waste management plan & report to ERA upon renewal
- Join a WEEE Compliance Scheme → Some of the obligations under the WEEE Regulations are transferred to the Scheme

A producer or an authorised representative must:

1. Report to ERA upon renewal the quantities of EEE placed on the market & the quantities of WEEE collected, treated, recovered & recycled. All information shall be verified by an independent auditor.
2. Provide a financial guarantee when placing a product on the market showing that the management of all WEEE will be financed.
   - A producer or authorised representative shall be exempt if s/he is a member of WEEE compliance scheme.
   - For self-compliant producers the financial guarantee shall take the form of a recycling insurance or a bank guarantee (according the rates prescribed in Schedule 13 of SL 549.89).
3. Achieve the minimum collection targets on the basis of the total weight of WEEE collected in a given year in Malta (Regulation 7 of WEEE Regulations).
4. Achieve recovery & recycling targets, for all WEEE separately collected, by category (Regulation 11 of the WEEE Regulations).

Is the product an Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE) under the WEEE Regulations (SL 549.89)?

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The product:

1. Depends on electric currents or electromagnetic fields

and/or

2. Generates, transfers and measures electric currents or electromagnetic fields

NO → Product is not in scope of WEEE Regulations

YES

Voltage of product exceeds 1,000V for AC and 1,500V for DC

YES → Product is not in scope of WEEE Regulations

NO

The product shall be considered to be EEE as defined in the WEEE Regulations (SL 549.89) and shall be classified under one of the 6 Categories set out in Schedule 3 of SL 549.89

- **1. Temperature exchange equipment**
- **2. Screens, monitors and equipment containing screens having a surface greater than 100cm²**
- **3. Lamps**
- **4. Large equipment (any external dimension more than 50cm)**
- **5. Small equipment (no external dimension more than 50cm)**
- **6. Small IT and telecom equipment (no external dimension more than 50cm)**

Kindly refer to the non-exhaustive list of EEE for examples of EEE per category, that fall within the scope of the WEEE Regulations.

The WEEE Regulations shall ***not*** apply to:

- *Equipment which is necessary for the protection and security of the country;*
- *Equipment which is specifically designed and installed as part of another type of equipment that is excluded from or does not fall within the scope of the WEEE Regulations and which can fulfil its function only if it is part of that equipment;*
- *Filament bulbs (for further details refer to FAQ 2.9);*
- *Equipment designed to be sent into space;*
- *Large-scale stationary industrial tools (for further details refer to FAQ 2.3 and 2.4);*
- *Large-scale fixed installations, except any equipment which is not specifically designed and installed as part of those installations (for further details refer to FAQ 2.3 and 2.4);*
- *Means of transport for persons or goods, excluding electric two-wheel vehicles which are not type-approved;*
- *Non-road mobile machinery made available exclusively for professional use;*
- *Specifically designed solely for the purposes of research and development that is only made available on a business-to-business basis;*
- *Medical devices and in vitro diagnostic medical devices, where such devices are expected to be infective prior to end of life, and active implantable medical devices (for further details refer to FAQ 2.11).*