

Olympus UK Ltd

Olympus UK Ltd is committed to reducing the environmental impact from Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment

WEEE Compliance Statement

Legislation: The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2006 (SI2006 No.3289), referred to as the 'WEEE Regulations'

Document Scope: Electrical and Electronic Equipment supplied by Olympus UK Ltd as a producer

Document Territory: UK: England, Wales, Scotland & Northern Ireland.

1. Introduction

To reduce the amount of waste being sent to landfill, The European Commission issued the WEEE Directive on 27th January 2003. The Directive requires member states to achieve minimum recycling targets for waste electrical equipment and was implemented into UK law in the form of the WEEE Regulations on 2nd January 2007.

This document relates solely to the activities undertaken by Olympus UK Ltd in accordance with the requirements of the UK's WEEE Regulations. It does not cover the compliance details of any other associated companies within the Olympus group.

2. Olympus UK Ltd's Obligations

The WEEE Regulations place obligations on companies which are referred to as producers and distributors. Producers manufacture, import or re-brand electrical and electronic equipment in the UK whereas distributors supply equipment on a professional basis to the intended household/business user. Companies can face obligations both as a producer and as a distributor.

Olympus UK Ltd puts electrical and electronic equipment on the UK market which is intended for use by households ("B2C") and non-households ("B2B"). As such, Olympus UK Ltd is classified as a producer and this document details the activities being undertaken by Olympus UK Ltd to maintain its compliance with the WEEE Regulations.

Olympus UK Ltd does not supply household equipment to the intended user and therefore is not affected by distributor obligations. As such Olympus UK Ltd is not registered with the Distributor Takeback Scheme and does not offer a specific WEEE take-back route for household consumers.

Where Olympus products are put on the market by third parties, (which means making a product available for the first time in the UK with a view to distribution or use) it will be the responsibility of these third parties to determine and comply with the WEEE Regulations for these products.

3. Producer Status - B2C & B2B

Olympus UK Ltd is complying with the following producer obligations which are explained in more detail below:

Section	Description
4.	Registration with a compliance scheme
5.	Provision of compliance data
6.	Financing the collection and processing of WEEE
7.	Declaration of the Producer Registration Number.
8.	Product marking requirements
9.	Provision of treatment information
10.	General

4. Registration with a Compliance Scheme

Olympus UK Ltd has registered with the Budget Pack compliance scheme as a household and non-household producer of electrical and electronic equipment. The Budget Pack compliance scheme is approved by the UK Environment Agency under registration number WEE/IP3838PL/SCH for both household and non-household equipment.

5. Provision of Compliance Data

Olympus UK Ltd is declaring the weights of electrical and electronic equipment put on the UK market within the WEEE Regulation categories shown below. Please note that the activities and subsequent categories for Olympus UK Ltd may change with time.

Category	Description
3	IT and telecoms equipment (excludes monitors)
4	Consumer equipment (excludes TVs)
9	Monitoring and control instruments

Infected in-vitro diagnostic medical devices fall outside the scope of the WEEE Regulations because of the potential for contamination. Currently it therefore remains the responsibility of the business user to make appropriate waste management arrangements for these products when they become a waste.

In exceptional circumstances, Olympus UK Ltd may provide distributors or third parties with weight information for Olympus products but there are no statutory requirements for Olympus UK Ltd to do so.

6. Financing the Collection and Processing of WEEE

As a member of the Budget Pack compliance scheme, Olympus UK Ltd is meeting its targets for the financing of the processing of WEEE according to the relevant targets. Budget Pack will obtain the appropriate evidence from either Approved Authorised Treatment Facilities or Approved Exporters on behalf of Olympus UK Ltd and retain such evidence for a period not less than 4 years to demonstrate this. The financing systems are discussed below.

6.1 B2C financing

Olympus UK Ltd is financing the collection and processing of household (B2C) WEEE by financing a percentage of the UK's waste electrical equipment arising at local authority sites and similar collection points. This percentage is determined by the Budget Pack compliance scheme working in conjunction with the Environment

Agency to reflect the significance of Olympus UK Ltd's tonnage of products put on the market in respect to all other producers' products within the UK.

6.2 B2B financing

Olympus UK Ltd is financing the collection and processing of non-household (B2B) WEEE and operates a system to help its business customers handle waste electrical equipment responsibly. Business customers that have waste electrical products to dispose of should follow the flow chart annexed to this document to access this service. Olympus UK Ltd may also enter into formal agreements with business customers to pass on the end of life responsibilities for WEEE; detailed on the website www.olympus.co.uk by clicking on the **WEEE Recycle Now link**.

7. Declaration of the Producer Registration Number

Olympus UK Ltd's producer registration number is WEE/HG0069TY. This registration number will remain unchanged between compliance periods for the foreseeable future.

8. Product Marking Requirements

As a producer, Olympus is committed to marking all obligated EEE put on the UK market with the 'crossed-out wheeled bin' symbol, date mark and producer identification mark. This marking is being performed in accordance with these requirements which came into effect on 1 April 2007.

The crossed-out wheeled bin symbol, date mark and producer identification mark is being applied in a visible, legible and indelible form on the product itself, except where this is not possible due to the size or function of the product. In such cases, the symbol is being printed on the packaging, the instructions for use and the accompanying warranty (where applicable).



8.1 Crossed-out Wheeled Bin

Olympus UK Ltd is working to the requirements of British Standard BS EN 50419:2006 in its application of the crossed-out wheeled bin and date markings. Olympus UK Ltd will implement any changes required by subsequent amendments to this standard.

8.2 Date Mark

Olympus UK Ltd has applied a date mark in the form of a black bar located under the crossed-out wheeled bin symbol to confirm whether a product has been put on the market on or after 13 August 2005. This significantly affects the collection arrangements for businesses and consumers that wish to dispose of waste products.

8.3 Producer Identification Mark

Olympus UK Ltd's producer identification mark is shown on all electrical and electronic equipment where Olympus UK Ltd is the producer. Where third parties import Olympus products into the UK, the producer identification mark of the third party will have been applied as they will be classified as the producer for this equipment.

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9. Provision of Treatment Information

Olympus UK Ltd will provide treatment information to disassembly organisations in order to promote the re-use and recycling of electrical equipment when it becomes a waste. This information will be made available from 1st April 2008.

10. General

10.1 Visible Fee

The Regulations allow for producers to show the cost of collection, treatment and recovery of WEEE that was originally put on the market before 13 August 2005, at the point of selling new electrical and electronic equipment. This is a provision that applies only to household equipment for a limited time period. Olympus UK Ltd has decided not to exercise the right to show this fee, and therefore Olympus UK Ltd's distributors will not have to show these fees to consumers at the point of sale.

10.2 B2C Individual Producer Responsibility & Financial Guarantees

Olympus UK Ltd is considering how individual producer responsibility could be implemented to track, record and if necessary re-direct individual items of WEEE to encourage better environmental practices. Olympus UK Ltd is also considering how financial guarantees could be implemented to ensure the collection of future WEEE from products put on the market after 13th August 2005 could be financed into the future. Olympus UK Ltd will keep abreast of these issues which relate only to household equipment through working with the Budget Pack compliance scheme.

10.3 Donations to Charity and Re-use

Olympus UK Ltd may provide EEE to charities in preference to disposal where appropriate.

10.4 Olympus UK Ltd Customers

A distributor (irrespective of selling technique) for the purposes of the WEEE Regulations is a retailer of new EEE or a wholesaler of new EEE. A distributor selling new EEE to household users has obligations under the WEEE Regulations.

Distributors have an important role to play in facilitating the takeback of WEEE from householders. The main obligation on distributors is to provide a take-back service to householders enabling them to return their WEEE free of charge. The WEEE Regulations allow a choice of providing "in-store" take-back or participating in the Distributor Take-back Scheme, or providing an alternative system for free take-back for householders.

There is a further obligation on distributors to provide householders with information on how to return their WEEE free of charge and the associated environmental benefits from separate collection of WEEE.

Customers of Olympus UK Ltd are solely responsible for the interpretation, application and satisfaction of any obligations imposed upon them by the WEEE regulations and Olympus UK Ltd accepts no liability for any loss or damage resulting directly or indirectly from this document.

11. Further Information

Budget Pack

Accredited compliance scheme for the UK's Packaging Regulations and Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations representing many industry sectors including the photographic and imaging industry.

<http://www.budget-pack.com>

Environment Agency

The Environment Agency provides information on the enforcement of the WEEE Regulations for England and Wales.

Further information is also available at: www.netregs.gov.uk, or contact the Environment Agency directly on: 08708 506506 / enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/weee>

Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs

The Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs provides information on the treatment, permitting and waste management aspects for WEEE.

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/waste/topics/electrical/index.htm>

Department of Trade and Industry

The Department of Trade and Industry provides information on implementing the WEEE Regulations.

<http://www.dti.gov.uk/innovation/sustainability/weee/page30269.html>

European Commission

The European Commission provides information on the WEEE Directive.

http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/waste/weee_index.htm

Environment & Heritage Society

The Environment & Heritage Society provides information on the enforcement of the WEEE Regulations for Northern Ireland.

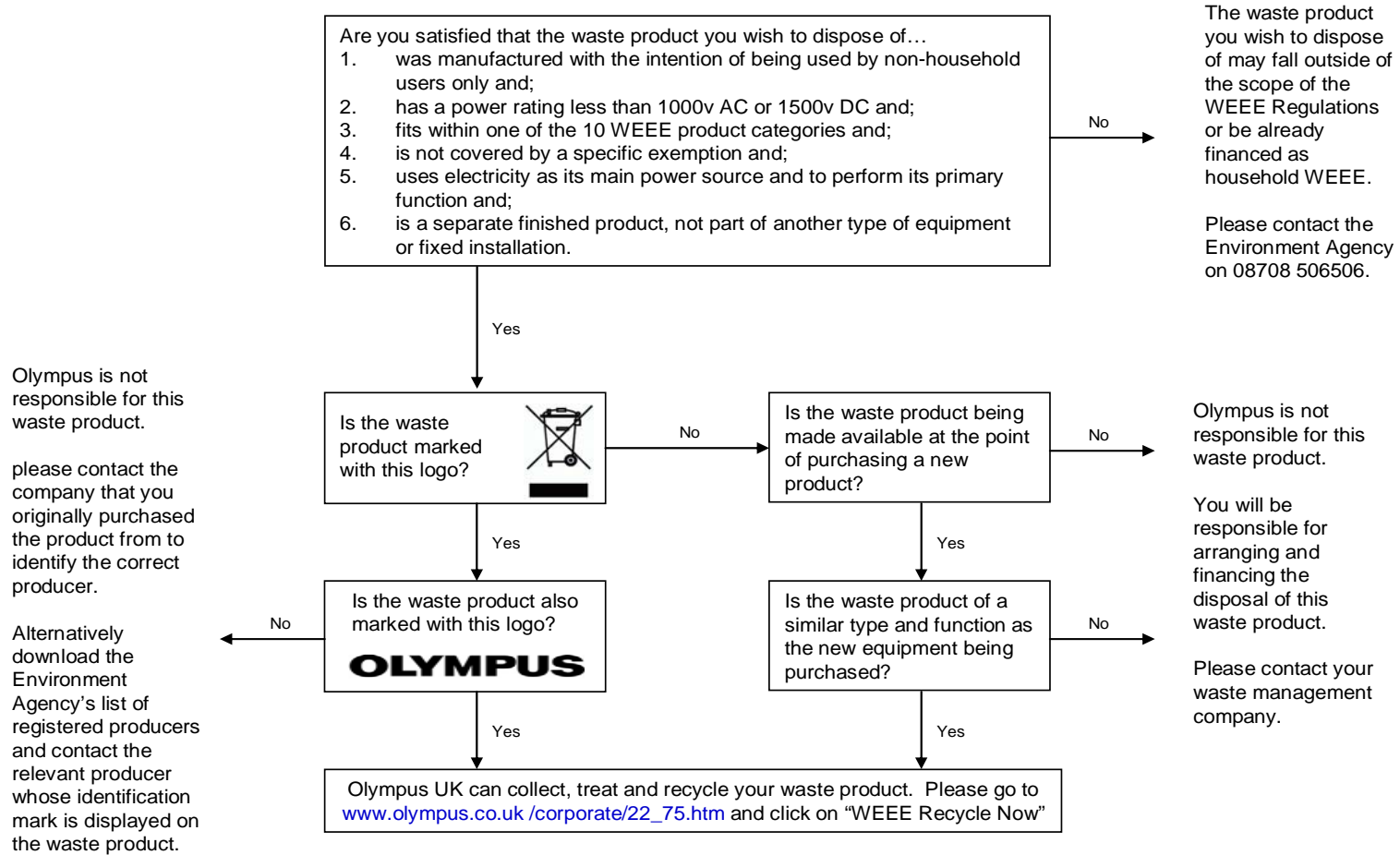
http://www.ehsni.gov.uk/waste/regulation-and-legislation/regulations_weee.htm

Scottish Environmental Protection Agency

The Scottish Environmental Protection Agency provides information on the enforcement of the WEEE Regulations for Scotland.

<http://www.sepa.org.uk/producer/weee.htm>

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Read more about the legislation at www.budget-pack.com