

# HP and WEEE Compliance

## Background

The European Union's Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive has already been implemented in most member states, with only a few left to complete transposition. There are several obligations imposed on producers of electrical and electronic equipment, such as HP. HP's compliance approach for each of these obligations is provided below.

## 1) Product Design

HP's Design for Recycling Standard is used to ensure that the design and production of HP branded electrical and electronic equipment takes into account the dismantling and recovery of WEEE and its components and materials. See link for more details:

<http://www.hp.com/hpinfo/globalcitizenship/environment/productdesign/endooflife.html>

## 2) WEEE Marking

All HP products that are subject to the WEEE Directive shipped from HP EMEA from August 13th 2005 are compliant with the WEEE marking requirements. Such products are marked with the "crossed out wheelie bin" WEEE symbol shown below in accordance with European Standard EN 50419



## 3) Information for Users

According to the requirements of European Union member state WEEE legislation, the following user information is provided to customers in 19 languages for all HP branded products subject to the WEEE directive.

*"This symbol on the product or on its packaging indicates that this product must not be disposed of with your other household waste. Instead, it is your responsibility to dispose of your waste equipment by handing it over to a designated collection point for the recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment. The separate collection and recycling of your waste equipment at the time of disposal will help to conserve natural resources and ensure that it*

*is recycled in a manner that protects human health and the environment. For more information about where you can drop off your waste equipment for recycling, please contact your local city office, your household waste disposal service or the shop where you purchased the product.”*

#### **4) Registration and Reporting**

HP fulfils all legal requirements resulting from the transposition of the WEEE Directive in member states' legislations and registers with national authorities, on time, in all relevant countries/regions. Registration and enforcement dates are country dependant. HP also ensures that any information required for the calculation of HP's producer obligations is provided as of the date specified in national/regional legislation.

#### **5) WEEE from private households**

According to the timelines and requirements of member state WEEE legislation, HP fulfils its obligations for the financing of collection, treatment, recovery and environmentally sound disposal of WEEE from private households deposited at collection facilities. To assist with this and to ensure fair competition in the market for recycling of electronic equipment, HP has established the European Recycling Platform (ERP). In Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Ireland, Poland, Portugal, Spain and UK ERP is HP's preferred recycling scheme. In the other EU countries, HP has either joined a compliance scheme authorised for that country or HP has submitted individual waste management plan(s) in order for their own system to be authorised by the country/region. Where member state legislation requires it, HP provides an appropriate guarantee for the management of WEEE resulting from HP branded product placed on the market after 13th August 2005.

#### **6) WEEE from users other than private households**

Subject to applicable laws and where replacement products are being supplied by HP, we will ensure the proper recycling of waste resulting from any brand of non-consumer electrical and/or electronic items purchased before August 13<sup>th</sup> 2005 arising at HP customers' (other than private householders) locations in the European Union.

For HP products sold after August 13<sup>th</sup> 2005, HP will ensure the proper recycling of waste resulting from those products arising at the customer's locations in the European Union. The costs of recycling described above are free once products are returned to HP. The costs of collecting such waste from customer premises are not included in HP's standard offer; however HP can

provide either a chargeable collection service, or addresses of locations where customers can return their products. Customers can access HP's recycling service by visiting [www.hp.com/recycle](http://www.hp.com/recycle)

## **7) Treatment**

In accordance with Community waste legislation, HP confirms that treatment and recycling of WEEE done on behalf of HP, either by a collective scheme or individually, is carried out in accordance with the requirements of the WEEE Directive, as set out in the implementing legislation of the member states, including requirements respecting special treatment for specified parts and overall recovery rates achieved.

## **8) Information to Recyclers**

As required by the WEEE Directive, HP provides reuse and treatment information for each type of new EEE put on the market within one year after the equipment is put on the market. HP makes the required information available to reuse centres by the date specified in member state legislation, typically within one year after the new products have been put on the market or sold after 13<sup>th</sup> August 2005.