

Background

In 2003, the European Parliament and the Council passed Directive 2002/96/EC on waste electrical and electronic equipment - the WEEE directive. The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) directive aims to minimize the impact of electrical and electronic equipment on the environment during their lifetimes, and when they eventually become waste. It applies to all electrical and electric products and imposes requirements to collect, treat, recover and recycle "e-waste" at its end of life. Electronic end user products must also carry a WEEE label, and recovery and recycling information has to be provided to the recycler.

Member states were required to adopt legislation by August 13, 2005. The regulations apply to all electrical and electronic equipment put on the European Union market after that date. WEEE products can fall into one of 10 categories according to the WEEE directive. Acromag products fall under Category 9, Monitoring and Control Instruments.

View the [full text of the WEEE directive](#).

Acromag Responsibilities

All Acromag equipment shipped to the EU member states since the date of the directive is marked with the Wheeled Bin mark.

Acromag announced a new no-charge "take-back" service that gives customers the option to return used Acromag hardware products to be recycled. Products covered by the WEEE directive shipped to EU member states may be returned to Acromag at no charge. Acromag ensures that the products are properly recycled. This service helps reduce the impact on landfills and other disposal sites and provides an environmentally safe end-of-life solution.

To send hardware products to be recycled, customers can contact Acromag to obtain an RMA number and Acromag staff will reply with information on how to ship the product. There is no charge for the disposal but the customer must pay for shipping. After the product is returned, Acromag also can provide a Certificate of Custody change upon customer request.

Product "take-back" regulations are constantly evolving. Current regulations do not require Acromag to take back its products. However, by launching a WEEE take-back program, Acromag demonstrates a commitment to the environment and its customers by helping them dispose of Acromag products responsibly.

References

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