



Revision of Directive 2002/96/EC on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)

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- Topics of the review
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Review basis and objective

- Basis for the review:
 - Articles to the Directive
 - Art. 5(5) – collection target
 - Art. 7(4) – recovery/recycling target
 - Art. 17(5) – report
 - Better Regulation
 - Thematic Strategy on Waste Prevention and Recycling



Review basis and objective

- Objective of the review:
 - Simplification, development and improvement
 - Increase efficiency and effectiveness
 - Eliminate unnecessary costs
 - Not lowering environmental goals
- Quid harmonisation?



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Topics of the review

- WEEE requirements as a whole
- In particular
 - Revision of the targets
 - The scope of the Directive
 - The operation of the PR provisions
 - Treatment requirements



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The review process

- Elements & timing
 - Implementation assessment (2005)
 - Data gathering exercise (mid 2006)
 - SME panel (end 2006)
 - Research studies (2006-2007)
 - Impact Assessment (2007)
 - Conformity and Compliance check (2006-2007)
 - Proposal & legislative procedure (2008)

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The review process

- Implementation assessment (2005)
 - Description regulatory and management approaches
 - Outlining key trends
 - Description of main benefits and problems
 - Identification of opportunities



The review process

- Info gathering: what & why? (2006)
 - Gathering, processing and summarising information for the review of the Directive
 - Information on any subject related to the provisions of the Directive
 - Exercise to inform the review and the contractors



The review process

- SME Panel (end 2006)
 - Tool making use of EU Info Centers
 - Background document
 - Questionnaire for SME's
 - Defined or acting as producer, importer or distributor
 - Defined or acting as operators, collectors or retailers
 - National reports by end January 2007



The review process

- Research studies (2006-2007)
 - Analysing impact & implementation
 - Complete the information
 - Inform & provide analysis of options
 - Simplification, development and improvement



The review process

- Research study 1 (09.06-07.07)
 - Content - general
 - Evaluation of the implementation & impact
 - Analysing collection & treatment
 - Future amounts of waste & composition
 - Costs & capacities for operations and outlets
 - Options related to scope, targets and treatment requirements
 - Contractor UNU
 - TOR on Europa webpage



The review process

- Research study 1 (09.06-07.07)
 - Workshop of 15.03.07
 - Closed workshop; 55 participants; mix
 - Session on environmental, economic and social impacts
 - Session on options related to scope, targets and treatment requirements
 - Some remarks
 - Huge need for data (often not existing)
 - Relationship between subjects



The review process

- Some trends
 - Scope: use of criteria; B2B versus B2C
 - Collection: differentiation between MS (by whom and how is it decided/organised); importance of framework conditions; composition of costs (\neq prices)
 - Targets: useful for monitoring; no change
 - Reuse: differentiation direct reuse, repair, refurbishment;
 - Treatment: no prescriptions; classification; surveillance; identifiable streams



The review process

- Research study 2 (12.06-08.07)
 - Content – producer responsibility
 - Evaluation of the implementation & impact
 - Operation of the PRprinciple (organisation, institutions, financing)
 - Links to producer def, int market, registers
 - Interactions between systems + collective versus individual
 - Contractor Ökopol
 - TOR on Europa web-page



The review process

- Research study 3 (12.06-08.07)
 - Content – WEEE & RoHS
 - Impacts on innovation
 - Impacts on competition
 - Relationship with other Community policy
 - Contractor Ecolas
 - TOR on Europa web-page



The review process

- Research study 4 (07.07-07.09)
 - Content – WEEE & RoHS
 - Administrative costs for businesses
 - Baseline measurement
 - Guidelines for the reduction of admin.burden
 - Contractor to be selected (contract notice on OJ S 19 of 27.01.07)
 - TOR not on Europa web-page



The review process

- Impact assessment (2007)
 - Examine the costs and benefits of different policy options for revision
 - Based on the research studies
- Compliance and conformity check (2006-2007)
- Proposal and legislative procedures (2008)

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The review process

- Stakeholder involvement
 - Information gathering exercise
 - SME Panel
 - Research studies
 - Workshop
 - Consultations
 - Impact Assessment



The review process

■ Results so far

- Study on the implementation of the WEEE Directive in EU 25;

<http://www.jrc.es/home/pages/detail.cfm?prs=1408>

- Synthesis report on the data information gathering exercise

http://forum.europa.eu.int/Public/irc/env/weee_2008/library

- All references available in library section
- New references can be forwarded to be included under point 8 "additional documents"



The review process

- Results expected shortly
 - Draft final of Research study 1 (06.07)
 - Interim report of Research study 2 (04.07)
 - Interim report of Research study 3 (06.07)
- Results outside review process
 - MS guidance on Annex II
 - Industry standard for HC-equipment
 - MS workshop on distance selling
 - Work on national registers



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■ Conclusions

- Efforts done for implementation
- Transposition ≠ implementation
- Review process is launched
- Data and information need
- First trends
- Stakeholder participation
- Possible role of WEEE-PIN
- Simplification, development and improvement



Thank you for your attention





More information

- Webpage DG Environment WEEE&RoHS
http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/waste/weee_index.htm
 - All legislation including a guidance document as FAQ
 - WEEE review process
 - Outcome of the information gathering exercise
 - Studies
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