



Retail responsibilities:

‘Any person who provides electrical and electronic equipment on a commercial basis to the party who is going to use it’

implicated as a retailer?

- Direct & indirect
- B2C and B2B

Implicated as a producer as well?

- Brand owner
- Importer



Retail responsibilities:

Article 5 - Separate Collection

Member States 5.2 (a)

Adopt appropriate measures:

- To allow final holders and distributors of WEEE to dispose of it at least free of charge
- To ensure availability and accessibility of necessary collection facilities, taking into account population density

Distributors 5.2 (b)

- To offer take back, on a one to one and like for like basis, when supplying a new product.
- MS's may allow distributors to depart from this if the alternative is no more difficult for the consumer
- UK - potentially join the Distributor Takeback Scheme (DTS).

Producers 5.2 (c)

- Allowed to set up and operate individual or collective take back.
- UK - transferable credit to offset producer obligation.



Retail compliance option 1:

Take back - like for like, one to one, free of charge

- In store, upon delivery etc
- A distance seller may fulfil his obligation by providing free shipping of WEEE to a collection point
- If you have a producer obligation also, collected goods can be used towards your compliance as a producer



Retail compliance option 2:

Distributor Take back Scheme Membership('DTS') -
(Agreement between BRC & DTI, March 2004)

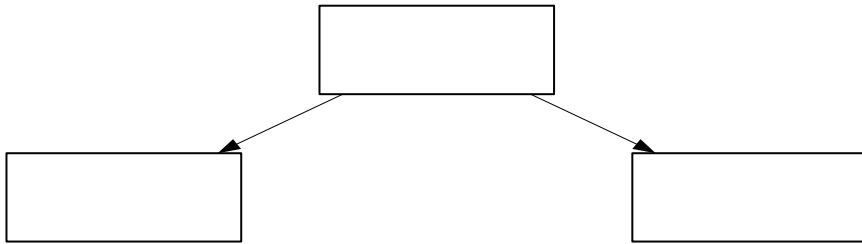
- Provision of fixed fund from retailers who 'opt out' of take back (£8.2 million)
- Fund used to enhance member state collection network
- Retailers would advertise the availability of collection facilities instore
- BRC members selected preferred scheme operator

Current status:

- DTI issued tender to operate DTS alongside recent Draft Regulations
- Awaiting final decision on the results of this tender process.

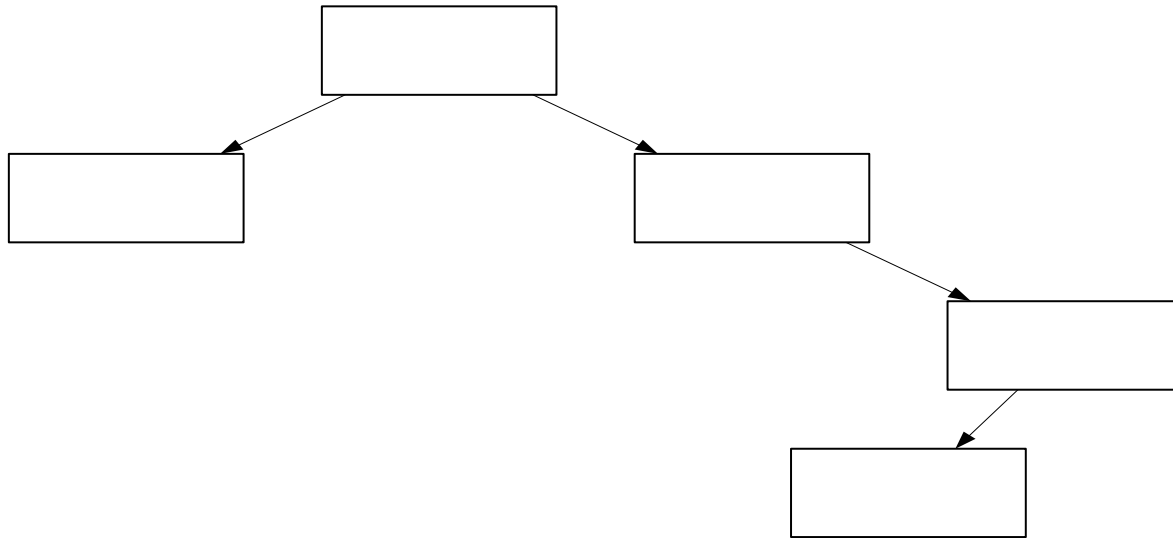


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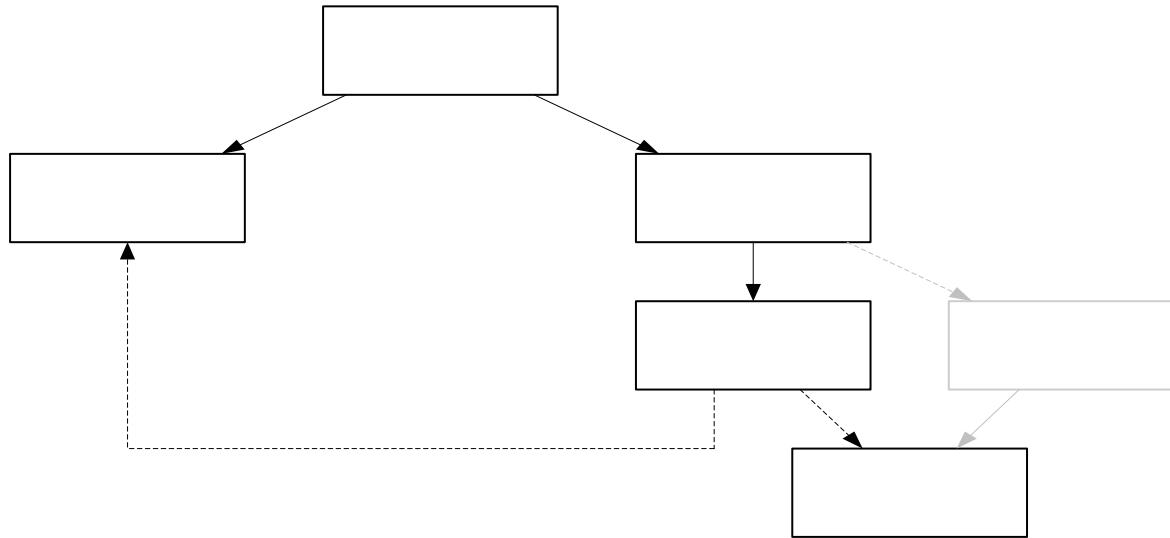


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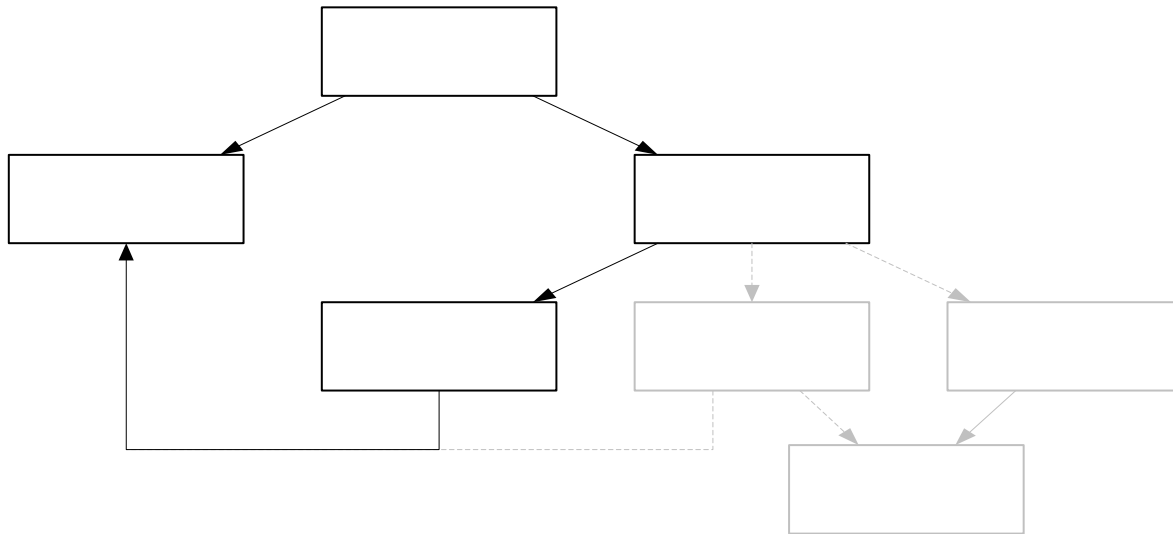


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A distributor must fully adopt one of these options, presuming both options exist.



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Retailers should assess their options one final time once they know the availability and total fund required of the DTS:

- Is your retail 'share' of the DTS fund 'better' or 'worse' than retail take back?
- Does retail take back offer your business and its customers an edge?
- Should you designate your distribution points as 'Designated Collection Points'?

If there isn't a Distributor Take back scheme what will take back look like?



Ireland -21 stores in total, plus online

Offer take back in store and upon delivery, plus postal service for smaller items replaced by internet purchases -

- >500 tonnes collected in first 8 months
- Of retail - 20% in store, 80% upon delivery
- In total < 15% collected through retail provisions.





BRITISH RETAIL CONSORTIUM



Poland - 4 Stores

Offer take back -
17 tonnes collected in August.

DSGi currently offering take back in store and or upon delivery in 11 countries of operation (out of 15 with 'outlets')



What now?

October 06:

- Await news of DTS, ensure you have assessed the implications of take back in store and or upon delivery (ready to make last minute comparisons)

1st quarter 07:

- January - March is the elected time when the DTS will be recruiting members

2nd quarter 07:

- April - Distributors to provide information about hazardous WEEE collection
- July - Full implementation - Distributors must provide collection information in relation to all WEEE categories & Producer clearance of DCFs begins.