

Complying with the WEEE Directive

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Exports Outside UK

- All countries are different – no single solution
- Producers must register in each country where they supply product www.repic.co.uk links to all sites
- Must keep records of what is exported
- Some help for producers through WEEE Forum
- UK retailers may be producers if they export to other EU states



Alternatives to compliance schemes

- As a producer draft regulations say there is no alternative. Either join one or become one yourself.
- As a distributor/retailer you have two choices
 - In store for all items you sell
 - Opt out for all items you sell and pay into DTS

In Addition to one of the above

- Can still offer take back from home



Developing a strategy to comply

- Are you a producer, a distributor/retailer or both and for which countries? Do you know your obligations?
- Help is available through various websites including www.repic.co.uk answer the questions and follow the links
- How can I minimise cost and maximise compliance? Are my routes to market the best choice?
- Do I get caught inadvertently?



Balancing the cost of compliance

- As a producer is it cheaper to be a scheme or join one? Are there customer service benefits/issues? Do you have product you can use against your obligation?
- As a distributor is it lower cost to opt out? What about customer service/competitor differentiation?



What level of assurance is there over the data collection / reporting

- Very little, inaccurate data or deliberate free riding is a major issue
- Onus is on producers/schemes to whistle blow
- Schemes will try to find producers to dilute existing member costs. Same WEEE costs borne by more people
- Within schemes all members need assurance all others are honest
- Between schemes all schemes need assurance that they are honest
- Should auditors sign off the data companies supply to schemes?

