

EA Key WEEE Scoping Changes & Confirmations



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The table below sets out some key scoping decisions recently made by the Environment Agency based on queries they have received regarding the scoping of certain items. Please note that this guidance may affect how you scope your products for your WEEE data submissions.

The Agency's purpose in listing these scoping interpretations is to provide some examples which underpin the decision tree and which will help to illustrate the principles of determining what is covered by the WEEE Regulations and what is not.

Product	In/Out of Scope	Category	Comments
Air conditioning	In	Cat 1b	Applied to portable air conditioning units only. Air conditioning installed as part of equipment that is not EEE (for example a building) is exempt
Air filtering & extracting systems	In	Cat 6	Applied to portable units only. Units installed as part of equipment that is not EEE (for example a building) is exempt
Plug in or batter operated air fresheners, perfume sprayers	In	Cat 2	
Battery chargers	In	See Comment	The charger should be in the same category as the item it charges e.g. a mobile phone charger would be in cat 3a. General battery chargers should be declared in cat 2
Car diagnostic equipment	In	Cat 3a	
Disposable cameras	In	Cat 4a	
Electric showers	In	Cat 1a	
Extension cords, multi terminals, adaptors & leads	In	Cat 2	If these products are not sold in relation to a specific product they should be declared as cat 2
Electric fences	In	Cat 6	

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fire alarm systems	In	Cat 9	
fish tanks	In	Cat 7	A fish tank that has a built in heater and pump and is sold as a single commercial unit is classed as EEE. The whole weight of the item should be included
furniture with electrical components	Out		Items of home furniture with electrical components e.g. electric bed are considered not to be covered by the regulations because the main function of the item is "furniture"
hearing aids	In	Cat 8	
massage chairs	In	Cat 1a	
massage appliances	In	Cat 2	Massage pads that fit onto chairs and other massage equipment should fall into cat 2
memory cards, USB sticks, SIM cards	In	Cat 3a	
RFID (radio-frequency identification devices) radio tracking devices including pet ID chips, anti theft devices and electronic tags	In	Cat 9	The only exception is where an RFID is a security feature which forms part of the packaging of the product
power supply units	In	See Comment	These act as transformers to alter the voltage/ current and so are finished products in their own right. They should be included in the same category as the product they come with
pumps, filters & fountains	In	Cat 6	
security systems including CCTV	In	Cat 4a	



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Spa baths, hydrotherapy baths & computerised massage baths	In	Cat 1a	
Solar panels	Out		
Solar powered items e.g. calculator, watch, garden pump	In	See Comment	The category will depend on the product
Stairlifts	Out		
Sunbeds	In	Cat 2	Fluorescent bulbs should be included in Cat 5b
Torches	In	Cat 2	
Underfloor heating systems (if powered by electricity)	In	Cat 1a	
Utility meters	In	Cat 9	
Wind up torches & radios	In	See Comment	These still rely on electricity to work, no matter whether the electricity is generated by the wind-up system. The category will depend on the product

If you would like any further information of guidance on scoping, please do not hesitate to contact on of our technical advisors on **08450 682 572** or email **info@valpak.co.uk**