



*The UK Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations are one of a series of 'producer responsibility' regulations, which makes producers financially responsible for the recycling and recovery of their products at end of life.*

A distributor/ retailer is defined as any business who provides electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) on a commercial basis to a consumer.

Distributors who supply new EEE, intended for use by private households, will attract an obligation under the UK WEEE Regulations. Examples of such distributors include but are not limited to:

- wholesalers
- high street retailers
- mail order sellers
- internet sellers

## Obligations

Distributors supplying new EEE have to ensure that waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) from private households can be returned, free of charge, on a one-for-one, like for like basis.

Distributors supplying new EEE to private households are obligated to inform householders about:

- the need for separate collection of WEEE, and the high collection rates of WEEE for treatment, recovery and environmentally sound disposal
- facilities available for the disposal of WEEE

- their role in contributing to the reuse, recycling and other forms of recovery of WEEE under the WEEE regulations
- the potential impact to the environment and to human health, of hazardous substances contained within WEEE
- the meaning of the crossed out wheeled bin symbol

Distributors have to maintain records of the number of units, by category, of WEEE from private households returned to them, and the information they have provided to their consumers.

Records are to be maintained for 4 years and should be made available to the appropriate authority on demand.

## Compliance Options

Distributors have two options in order to comply with their legal obligations:

- offer FREE in store take back
- join the Distributor Take back Scheme (DTS)

To find out more visit the Distributor Take back Scheme (DTS) website at: [www.valpak.co.uk/dts](http://www.valpak.co.uk/dts) or call a technical advisor on **08450 682 572**

## Did You Know...

Valpak operate the WEEE Distributor Take back Scheme on behalf of the British Retail Consortium (BRC) and the Government?

Your business could be affected by other producer responsibility legislation such as Packaging or Batteries regulations

To find out more, visit:  
[www.valpak.co.uk/Compliance](http://www.valpak.co.uk/Compliance)

