

How Do I Comply With Environmental Legislation Overseas?

Introduction

If you export or sell products outside of the UK e.g. online/mail order or have a physical presence outside of the UK then you may be affected by environmental legislation overseas. We've prepared this guide for organisations to help them understand what they need to do in order to be compliant with environmental legislation overseas.

What Do You Need To Do?



To Do

1. **Research the legislation in each country**
 - a. Focus on countries where you have a physical presence or highest sales volumes first
 - b. Read the regulations
 - c. Use translation services if legislation is not written in English
 - d. Speak to compliance schemes or environment ministries in that country
 - e. Don't forget other types of environmental legislation e.g. textiles, furniture
2. **Register**
 - a. Contact the relevant schemes/authorities to obtain registration forms
 - b. Give yourself plenty of time – some registrations can take up to 3 months
 - c. Be prepared to provide data forecasts as part of your registration in some countries
3. **Data submissions**
 - a. Familiarise yourself with the data required in each country
 - b. Frequencies can vary so set up calendar reminders for each submission
 - c. Give yourself plenty of time to gather the data and submit it to the appropriate scheme/authorities
4. **Changes to legislation**
 - a. Don't forget to keep an eye out for changes to legislation which could affect your organisation e.g. the European WEEE Recast
5. **Costs**
 - a. Costs and invoice timelines will vary from country to country which you will need to take into account when setting your budgets

We offer a range of services to help organisations with environmental legislation overseas. If you would like more information please call **08450 682 572** or email info@valpak.co.uk.

