WEEE & Battery EPR in Action -Developments Toward a Circular Economy







Global e-waste is growing at a rate of 3-4% per annum meaning that in 2025 there will be roughly 60 million tonnes generated, the equivalent to 290,000 Statues of Liberty!

International E-Waste Day

2012 Waste Policy: A Resource Opportunity

- 1. Included a lengthy PRI review WEEE, Batteries, Packaging, Farm Plastics, Tyres, ELV....
- 2. Required Corporate Governance Charters on all Irish Producer Responsibility Initiatives
- 3. Contingency Reserves
- 4. WEEE Ireland current approval2017 2021















WEEE Collections, **Units per Family**

An estimated 17million+ WEEE appliances were collected for recycling by WEEE Ireland in 2018 including:



Estimate Units

Televisions & Monitors







3.2 million³ Estimate Units

Estimate Units

2 Gas discharge lightbulbs including energy saving compact and longer fluorescent tubes. 3 WEEE Ireland collects and measures in tonnes but estimated units are calculated based on 'Placed on the Market' (POM) Blackbox reported data and sampling information from WEEE recycling facilities.

Estimate Units



WEEE Collection Results

WEEE Ireland Members B2C Takeback Rate by Category 2018¹



Battery Collection Results

In 2018 WEEE Ireland achieved a 48% waste portable battery collection rate on behalf of Members, once again surpassing the EU target of 45%⁷.





856 tonnes Collected by WEEE Ireland 2018



WEEE Ireland WEEE Recovery Rates 2018

Category	1	2	3	4	5	5	6	7	8	9	10
Description	Large Household Appliances	Small Household Appliances	IT & T Equipment	Consumer Electronics	Gas Discharge Lamps	Luminaires	Electrical Tools	Toys & Sports Equipment	Medical Devices	Monitoring & Control Equipment	Automatic Dispensers
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EU Target Component Material Recycling & Reuse	80%	55%	70%	70%	80%	55%	55%	55%	55%	55%	80%
WEEE Ireland Component Material Recycling & Reuse	86%	70%	77%	85%	84%	82%	70 %	70 %	70%	70%	86%
EU Target Recovery Rate	85%	75%	80%	80%	N/A	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%	85%
WEEE Ireland Recovery Rate	92%	82%	86%	91%	N/A	94%	82%	82%	82%	82%	92 %



WEEE Ireland Battery Recycling Efficiencies 2018





WEEE Recovery Footprint





Public Awareness



recycled a similar old item for free at a retailer, at the same time.



54% of adults said they recycled their large waste household electrical appliances through a retailer.

Public

awareness

54%







33% of adults said they bring waste lightbulbs and lighting equipment to a Local Authority centre for recycling.





Small things matter...

Recycle lighting equipment and household electrical waste for FREE at your local authority recycling centre or electrical retailer, and support LauraLynn!



www.smallthingsmatter.ie



Irish WEE System

2017 EC WEEE Compliance Promotion Exercise

Ireland = Group 'A'

High achievements in quantitative criteria

AND

Implementation of a strong set of qualitative measures





Success Factors

- Not for profit Scheme
- 1:1 Takeback Retailers
- Mandatary Handover
- Mandatary EN Standards
- Option for Visible Fee
- Stakeholder Platform





Collaboration

Engagement with our European Colleagues expands the reach and expertise of WEEE Ireland Scheme

Supports our development in European <u>and</u> Irish Circular Economy transition









..." ensure that all separately collected waste electrical and electronic equipment is treated in accordance with the WEEELABEX normative requirements or any other equivalent EN treatment standards."



From an environmental perspective, both product and component scavenging of C&F (especially compressors) are alarming, due to the release of the ozone depleting substances (CFC's) contained in the refrigeration circuit. The product scavenging is 48%. On top of that the scavenging of compressors averages 22%. When extrapolating the figures derived from the quantities handled in this study to entire EU volumes, based on 1.7 million tonnes of WEEE generated, **it equals** 8 million tonnes of CO₂ equivalent per year.

SCAVENGING OF C&F RESULTS IN AN UNNECESARY EMISSION OF 8 MILLION TONNES OF CO₂ EQUIVALENT PER YEAR WHICH EQUALS THE ANNUAL EMISSIONS OF 6 MILLION CARS.



Taken from *WEEE Recycling Economics, Shortcomings of the current model; commissioned* by EERA; <u>https://www.eera-recyclers.com/files/unu-eera-brochure-online-v5-002.pdf</u>









RISKS

- National WEEE Target 2019 B2B?
- Small WEEE return rates
- Damaged Lithium Batteries
- Application of EN Standards









Next Steps

- A new Waste Policy
- Climate Action Plan & Circular Economy
- Article 8a EPR Eco modulation?
- Battery Directive Recast





Moving Up the Waste Hierarchy

Article 9....Member States Shall "encourage the re-use of products and the setting up of systems promoting repair and re-use activities, including in particular for electrical and electronic equipment, textiles and furniture, as well as packaging and construction materials and products;"





- 1) How do we document Waste Prevention and the Repair & Reuse currently in place throughout the WEEE System?
- 2) How do we address Producers concerns about Product Safety, Insurances and indemnity from preparation from reuse liability?
- 3) EN 50614 DELAYED!
- 4) Successful case studies: Camara, Wisetek
- 5) Is a national repair training programme part of the solution?



Case Study: APPLiA Hungary





Environmental management & EPR solutionsfor new longlife technology including

-Lithium Batteries

- and the PV Sector



New Technologies...New Challenges











Just look out the window



presented by Benjamin Strandquist, BIL, Electrification of Norwegian Car Market, EUCOBAT EV Conference 24th June 2019

Safety concerns about (second life) Li Ion batteries



www.mpoweruk.com



Out of the rEVolt project successful business for start-up Time Shift Energy Storage





https://www.timeshiftstorage.nl/





ABOUT PV CYCLE

Manufacturers, rebranders, online shops or importers of e-products and batteries find in PV CYCLE a trusted partner - truly representing their needs and priorities around the topic "waste". A non-for-profit, memberbased organization, PV CYCLE offers both collective and tailor-made waste management and legal compliance services for companies and waste holders around the world.

Because we think that waste matters, PV CYCLE has developed a collection network that is simply closer to the consumer.

WHAT DO WE COVER?

PV module waste Electrical/electronic equipment waste Battery waste Industrial waste Packaging waste

WHAT DO WE OFFER?

Waste Compliance Waste Collection & Treatment Waste Consultancy Waste Dismantling Waste Management Programs National Services

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Industry-driven A member-association, PV CYCLE focuses on our clients' needs and priorities.



Collective Lower costs through expert know-how and collective approach.



Transparent Transparent, all-inclusive prices for sustainable solutions.



Non-profit ependent from investors and recyclers, PV CYCLE members benefit directly from our assets. WEEE Ireland has partnered with PV Cycle since 2017 to support multinational OEMS and their Distributors in Ireland.

- Collective Scheme supports their EPR reporting, financing and end of life (waste) obligations for dual use B2C panels
- How will large scale solar PV panels provide for end of life financial guarantee?
- If Irish collection targets include B2B and PV panels how do we reach 65% take back rates in the coming years?



Minimum Requirements for EPR:

Waste Framework Directive Article 8a

Minimum requirements for existing & new EPR:

- Fee Modulation
- Necessary Costs
- Equal Treatment (small producers)
- Free-Riders







Article 8aMember States shall take the necessary measures to ensure that the financial contributions paid by the producer of the product to comply with its extended producer responsibility obligations:...

4 (b)..in the case of collective fulfilment of extended producer responsibility obligations, are modulated, where possible, for individual products or groups of similar products, notably by taking into account their durability, reparability, re-usability and recyclability and the presence of hazardous substances, thereby taking a life-cycle approach and aligned with the requirements set by relevant Union law, and where available, based on harmonised criteria in order

to ensure a smooth functioning of the internal market....



Eco Modulation

If we want people to make more sustainable consumption choices how do we communicate product information effectively?

Can differential environmental fees incentivise producers to improve the green criteria on their products

How do we harmonise the rules on eco modulation across different electrical products and member states.....by 2023 (?)

Eunomia preparation of guidance and FAQ on behalf of the Commission (in draft)

Example: Use OEM warranty as a proxy of durability and provide a standardised label across product types?





Example-France

Presented at WI EPR event 15th October by Mark Hilton, Eunomia

 Combinations of criteria - different criteria applied to different product categories

WASHING MACHINE DISHWASHER	Availability of spare parts essential for the equipment use during 11 years or Integration of postconsumer recycled plastic (minimum threshold of 10%)	_	CAT 04	14010	€ 6.67
	Unavailability of spare parts essential for the equipment use during 11 years <u>and</u> no integration of postconsumer recycled plastic (minimum threshold of 10%)	-	CAT 04	14011	€8.33

- +/- 20% bonus malus on 'Visible Fee'
- Middle ground reflects average PRO costs
- Balancing of funding between schemes where in-balance due to bonus / malus variations



What can you do? #SmallThingsMatter....but also the bigger picture – Procurement?

- 1) Has your organisation replaced lighting throughout its buildings in the last 12 months?
- 2) Where does your organisation's IT go at end of life?
- 3) What about the catering equipment, point of sale tech, displays and screens, AV equipment, promotional items....
- 4) What new energy technology, EV or hybrid vehicles is your organisation purchasing?

Do <u>all</u> of your tenders and contracts include Producer Registration criteria for EEE and Batteries?





THANK YOU

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