

The WEEE Directive Information



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The WEEE Directive comes into force on the 1st July 2007 and will place obligations upon users and producers to handle their electronic and electrical waste more carefully. Such waste will no longer simply be placed in landfill as targets have been set by the European Parliament for Member States to recover certain percentages of their waste via recycling facilities.

The legislation is now passed in the UK and Statutory Instrument 3289 is published. The legislation is very different between B2C (Business to Consumer) and B2B (Business to Business) routes to market. For B2C, businesses are required to join or operate a "take back" scheme. For B2B, businesses can make their own arrangements as appropriate (3289,REGULATION 9). Sugg Lighting Ltd only supply B2B. In order to regulate manufacturers and control their methods for compliance with legislation all businesses must have joined a Compliance Scheme by 15th March 2007. We chose to join ElectroLink who are particularly experienced in waste management and have rules which cater for businesses who deal only in the B2B sector. In order to limit the costs and risks which are passed onto our customers we have decided not to charge a "WEEE Levy" at the time of purchase of the luminaires. To expect our customers to pay at the time the luminaires are purchased perhaps as much as 30 years ahead of disposal, in our opinion, is neither fair nor practical. Our method, will embrace Regulation 9 – the alternative arrangement. It will allow two choices for our customers in the future when the luminaires eventually become waste:-

1. The customer can choose to appropriately dispose of the waste, via their chosen contractor for example, and may actually recover some cost in later years as commodities become more valuable.
2. The customer can choose to Sugg Lighting Ltd to arrange for unwanted luminaires to be collected. We will then arrange for our "Compliance Scheme Operator" to take back the waste. We do however reserve the right to make a charge at that time as we did not charge at the time the luminaires were purchased.


We are committed to the environment and we are working hard to make our luminaires last even longer and use even less energy. We would like to gather information about the amount of WEEE collected and recycled by our customers. We kindly request that when you dispose of WEEE you complete a log which will keep some basic information for our records, (log available upon request) and will also be useful for Government analysis required by the legislation. It is very easy to do and will not take many minutes.

Sugg Lighting do not supply lamps and therefore are not responsible for lamps, which will be the responsibility of the lamp manufacturer when the lamps become WEEE. Please contact the lamp brand manufacturer at the appropriate time for further information. It is likely that their own dedicated Compliance Scheme – Recolight (see www.recolight.com) will handle any lamp waste.

Using our compliance scheme we are able to arrange collection and recycling of waste (historic or future). For a quotation please contact:-

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The WEEE Directive - Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Answer
What is the Sugg Lighting Ltd WEEE registration number?	WEE/DE0061TU
What is the name of your compliance scheme?	Electrolink.
What are B2B and B2C?	B2B is “business to business” and B2C is “business to consumer”. Sugg Lighting only supply B2B.
We have removed lamps from Sugg fittings. Can Sugg arrange collection and disposal?	No. You must contact the lamp brand manufacturer who will have taken responsibility for this "hazardous" waste. They will, most likely, be members of Recolight . They will arrange to collect and recycle your lamps, probably free of charge, as their lamps include a recycling levy.
Can I dispose of luminaire WEEE myself?	Yes, this is the simplest approach for B2B. This must be done via a recognised facility. These are being set up nationally and your installation contractor will be able to arrange disposal along with other goods
Will Sugg arrange disposal if requested?	Yes we can arrange this; however there will be a charge as we made no charge at the time of supply.
Can I pay Sugg Lighting up front for WEEE?	No, we believe that the most practical approach is for payment to be made at the time of disposal. All WEEE, including Sugg Lighting Ltd luminaires, being removed from site can be dealt with more efficiently in one consignment. We believe it will be more environmentally friendly to handle all this waste as one, rather than arranging separate collections and trying to trace brands back to source.
Are all old luminaires subject to WEEE?	All luminaires and lighting control devices are subject to the WEEE directive. There is no maximum age for the equipment however WEEE can be split into two categories; historic WEEE and future WEEE.
What is the difference between historic WEEE and future WEEE?	<p>“Historic” WEEE is equipment that was sold before 13th August 2005. Producers have some responsibility for this kind of WEEE when new luminaires are supplied on a like for like basis i.e. if 10 luminaires are taken out of service and replaced with 10 luminaires performing the same function. Any equipment sold after 13th August 2005 is classified as “Future” WEEE. This is identified by the wheelie bin symbol on the product labeling. Producers carry some take-back responsibility for all such products whether replacements are sold or otherwise.</p> 
However, as Sugg Lighting does not make a charge at the time of supply (now or in the past) we will make a charge if requested to handle either type of WEEE.	
Is the wiring between luminaires or trunking or ducting systems covered by WEEE?	No, only complete lighting units such as luminaires and lighting control devices are subject to WEEE.
How is the disposal cost calculated?	Disposal cost of WEEE is calculated by weight and location. If we are requested to collect and / or recycle WEEE we shall sub contract this activity to our compliance scheme.
How are the charges applied?	Our compliance scheme will quote you and invoice appropriately. In some cases, Sugg may arrange the quotation and invoicing on your behalf. More details will be made available when the scheme goes live in July 2007.

Is the waste audited at disposal? (What if packaging and other non-WEEE items or non Sugg items are sent in with the waste?)	Only approved lighting based WEEE will be accepted unless different arrangements have been made with our compliance scheme.
How is the WEEE monitored?	When you dispose of Sugg WEEE we request that you fill in our Sugg logging form. If we arrange disposal of WEEE for you then we will keep a log. All records will be sent to our compliance scheme at regular intervals who will then report on our behalf to the Government.
Why is WEEE monitored?	So that the EU authority can check that member states are conforming to agreed targets (collection rates).
How is this WEEE actually recycled?	WEEE will end up at an authorised treatment facility (ATF). The waste is then separated into the different materials and components so that it can be recycled and used again in the future.
If a gear component is replaced early is this subject to WEEE?	No. Only complete electrical assemblies, such as luminaires or lighting control devices, are regarded as WEEE. It should however be disposed of correctly.
Is there a minimum amount of luminaires or lamps to be classified as WEEE?	No.
Are any lamps excluded from the WEEE directive?	Yes, tungsten halogen and GLS lamps are excluded. Also lamps which are exported outside of the UK.
Are any luminaires excluded from the directive?	Yes, those used within a household.
What happens to lamps and luminaires that are exported?	Lighting columns are not included. Luminaires which are exported outside of the UK. If exported outside of the UK but still within Europe, the responsibility will fall to the "importer" within the destination country. Scheme rules vary from country to country. If exported outside of Europe – the WEEE directive does not apply.