

# EPA Workshop for Business-to-Business Producers

## INTRODUCTION

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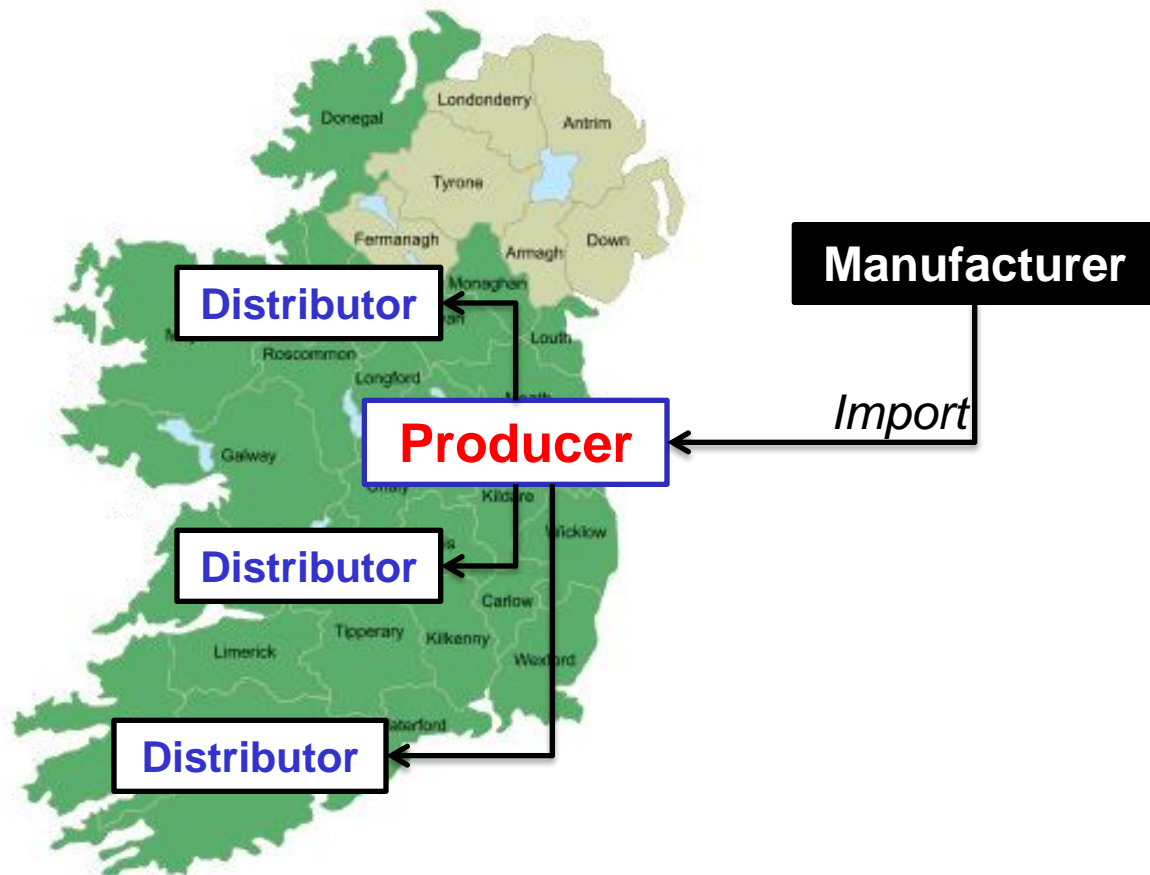
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# Context

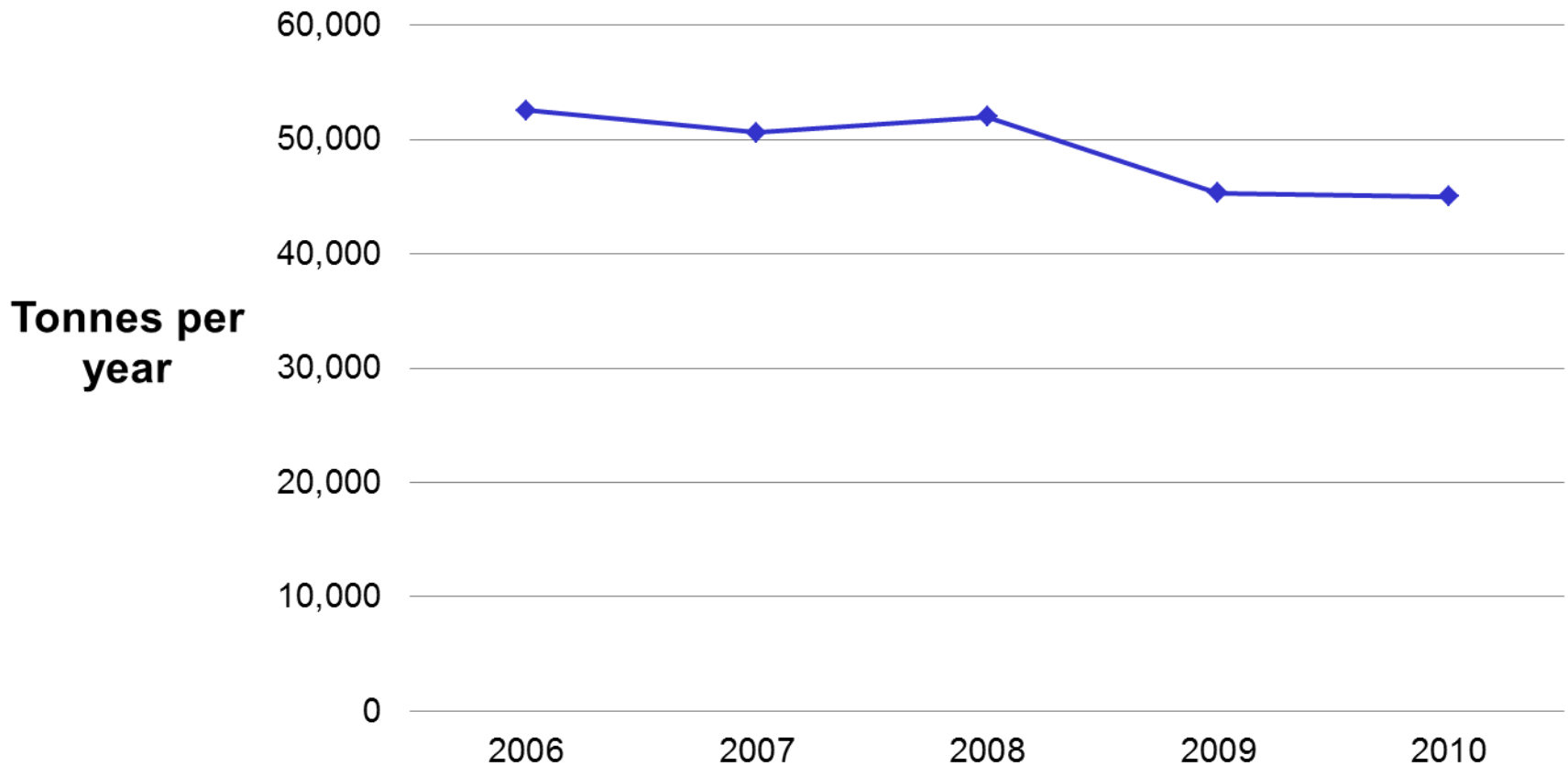
- Producer responsibility...
  - Principle that... **manufacturers** and **importers** of products bear a degree of **responsibility** for the **environmental impacts** of their products
  - throughout the products' life-cycles, including **upstream impacts** inherent in the **selection of materials** for the products, impacts from manufacturers' **production process** itself,
  - and **downstream impacts** from the **use and disposal** of the products.
  
- WEEE Directive sets this principle in stone for electrical and electronic products

# Producers in Ireland

- > 1,300 active producers registered
- Mainly importers, rather than manufacturers
- > 500 self complying B2B producers registered



# National WEEE Collection Rates 2006 - 2010



## Objectives for today

1. Assist you to understand your obligations and the system for self compliance
2. Allow you to learn from the experiences of other producers
3. Provide updates on recasts of the WEEE and RoHS Directives and the implications for you
4. Demonstrate where your reported WEEE data goes and why we collect it
5. Opportunity for you to network with other producers and recovery operators

# The EPA WEEE/Batteries team

