

# Tradeshaw and Expo Exhibitors

## How to comply with the WEEE and Batteries Regulations



The Environmental Protection Agency has a lead role in the enforcement of the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) and Batteries regulations in Ireland. The regulations are in place to ensure that these products are managed safely when they become waste.

### Are you compliant with these regulations?

The regulations place obligations on manufacturers, importers and distributors of electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) and batteries, (including products incorporating batteries). Under the regulations, a **Producer** is not just the manufacturer of a product but is also anyone who is placing EEE and/or batteries on the market on a professional basis for the first time in Ireland. This includes importers of EEE and/or batteries into Ireland.

**If you are placing products on the market in Ireland for the first time by displaying them for sale at tradeshaws, expos or festivals etc. then you may be a producer.**

All producers must be validly registered with the Producer Register Limited (PRL). Registered producers will be issued with a Producer Registration Number (e.g. 123WB) which must be displayed on all invoices and other associated sales documentation. Any producer that is not validly registered is prohibited from placing their product on the market in Ireland, Therefore, sale or advertising for sale of imported product by exhibitors who are unregistered producers is in an offence under the WEEE and batteries regulation.

The EPA can issue a 'fixed payment notice' (FPN) for certain offences under the regulations, including failure to register as a producer. A fixed payment notice is similar to a fine. The FPN for failure to register as a producer is €2,000.

More information on producer obligations is available on the EPA website at: [Producer Obligations](#)

If you are a **Distributor** (e.g. a seller, retailer or wholesaler) of EEE and/or batteries at an event, then you also have obligations as a distributor under the regulations.

Distributor obligations are summarised in this [Retailer guidance leaflet](#)

A summary of legal obligations for Producers and Distributors is included in the table below.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Producer Register Limited (PRL)
Tel: 021 4860801 Email: <a href="mailto:weee@epa.ie">weee@epa.ie</a> Website: <a href="http://www.weee-enforcement.ie">www.weee-enforcement.ie</a> or <a href="http://www.batteries-enforcement.ie">www.batteries-enforcement.ie</a>	Tel: 01-5522606 Email: <a href="mailto:info@producerregister.ie">info@producerregister.ie</a> Website: <a href="http://www.producerregister.ie">www.producerregister.ie</a>

## The WEEE and Battery Regulations in Ireland - Who does what?

Who	Role	Telephone	Web-site
<b>Consumers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take care of electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) so that others may use it when you have finished with it.</li> <li>Bring back waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE = unusable waste EEE) and waste batteries to a retailer free of charge.</li> <li>Bring WEEE and waste batteries to a local civic amenity site if not brought back to a retailer.</li> </ul>		
<b>Producers/Importers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Register with the Producer Register Limited (PRL).</li> <li>Finance the take back and safe management of WEEE and waste batteries.</li> <li>Self-comply or join an approved compliance scheme (WEEE Ireland or ERP Ireland) - See below.</li> <li>Mark products with crossed-out wheeled bin symbol for WEEE and Batteries.</li> </ul>		<a href="#">Producer Obligations</a>
<b>Distributors/Retailers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Register premises with compliance scheme or local authority.</li> <li>Comply with requirements regarding statutory notices.</li> <li>Display visible Environmental Management Cost (vEMC) on applicable product.</li> <li>Take back household WEEE free of charge when replacing on a one-for-one, like-for-like basis.</li> <li>Take-back waste batteries of similar type to those sold (free of charge).</li> <li>Store, transport and dispose of WEEE and waste batteries as set out in Regulations.</li> </ul>		<a href="#">Retailer guidance leaflet</a>
<b>Local authorities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local enforcement responsibilities (particularly in relation to retailer obligations).</li> <li>Management of civic amenity sites.</li> </ul>	Contact relevant local authority	
<b>Environmental Protection Agency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leads national enforcement of the WEEE and Battery Regulations.</li> </ul>	021 4860801	<a href="http://www.weee-enforcement.ie">www.weee-enforcement.ie</a> <a href="http://www.batteries-enforcement.ie">www.batteries-enforcement.ie</a>
<b>Producer Register Limited</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National producer registration body.</li> <li>Registration of producers of EEE and/or Batteries.</li> <li>Determination of market share of individual producers.</li> <li>Determine the categories/sub-categories of EEE to which a product belongs.</li> <li>Notify Environmental Protection Agency where there is evidence of non-compliance.</li> </ul>	Phone 01-5522606  Fax 01-5618058	<a href="http://www.producerregister.ie">www.producerregister.ie</a>
<b>WEEE Ireland</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved compliance scheme.</li> </ul>	01 2999320	<a href="http://www.weeeireland.ie">www.weeeireland.ie</a> <a href="http://www.recyclefree.ie">www.recyclefree.ie</a>
<b>ERP Ireland</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved compliance scheme.</li> </ul>	0818 332 757	<a href="http://www.erp-recycling.ie">www.erp-recycling.ie</a>

*This list is not an exhaustive list of the roles and responsibilities of each of the organisations implementing the WEEE and Battery Regulations.*

To access further guidance on WEEE/battery regulations go to: [www.weee-enforcement.ie](http://www.weee-enforcement.ie) or [www.batteries-enforcement.ie](http://www.batteries-enforcement.ie)