



## Helping you achieve a positive outcome

Focused on producer responsibility

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### How can we help?

Legislation aimed at making businesses responsible for the end of life impacts of the products they make or import is on the increase. The revised WEEE and ROHS Directives widen the categories of electrical products caught by the WEEE and ROHS requirements – ultimately all electrical products, ranging from computer to medical devices, will be within scope unless specifically exempted.

Under the revised WEEE Directive equipment used by both businesses and consumers is now treated as “domestic WEEE”.

The Environment Agency is also starting to take action against companies thought to have been illegally

shipping WEEE abroad for disposal. If you are involved with moving waste abroad you need to comply with relevant legislation including the Transfrontier Shipment of Waste Regulation.

Against this backdrop, seeking specialist legal advice is critical. Our dedicated team of environmental lawyers can advise you on all aspects of producer responsibility including packaging waste, WEEE, ROHS and the waste batteries legislation. We can also help you understand your legal obligations and data requirements and advise on any enforcement issues that may arise.

## Why work with us?

- 1 Depth of experience** – we have advised one of the UK's largest WEEE compliance schemes since formation on issues including assessing scope, consideration of where producer responsibility lies and ongoing compliance obligations.
- 2 Sector knowledge** – we are actively involved in the sector contributing to consultations on incoming legislation.
- 3 Global coverage** – our extensive international footprint means that we can call on an international team of advisors with expertise in this area.

## Who do we work with?

Examples of our recent experience includes:

- advising a US manufacturer on the WEEE and ROHS requirements applicable to the launch of a new product in the EU
- advising a leading US clothing retailer on its entry into the EU market
- advising a leading UK retailer on its compliance with packaging waste legislation in over 25 member states
- advising large corporates and PE houses on producer responsibility due diligence
- advising a number of manufacturers in relation to the scope of the WEEE and ROHS Directives and whether "novel" products are caught
- advising a large retailer on the steps to take when non compliant product was discovered
- working with an international distributor to develop WEEE and ROHS compliance policies

## What happens next?

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