

Preparation for Reuse of WEEE

Standardisation and civil society involvement

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What is ECOS?

EU eNGO with 46 member organisations



Aim to ensure EU & international standards contribute to sustainable development and a circular economy



Transparency & inclusiveness in standardisation















What is a standard?

An set of technical or quality requirements for materials, products or services

- Ensure fit for purpose (safe, interoperable etc.)
- Voluntary, but help to prove compliance with the law
- Create a level-playing field and facilitate int. trade
- Based on state-of-the-art knowledge





16 Energy Labels-175 million tons oil equivalent~ 9% of EU total energy consumption



Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment

Household appliances, consumer equipment, photovoltaic panels, IT & telecom equipment, lighting equipment, tools

Contain valuable materials but sometimes also hazardous substances

How to ensure safe & sustainable

collection, transport and treatment?

EEE: 7.5 M tonnes. WEEE: 3.1 M tonnes

(officially reported as collected)



WEEE Directive

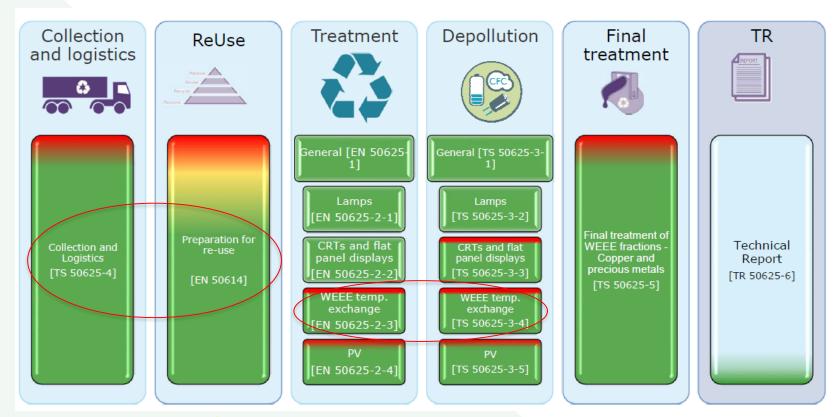
Standardisation request from EC to CEN/CENELEC in 2012 (Article 8.5 of WEEE Directive 2012/19/EU)

Based on WEEELABEX standards

Assist treatment operators in fulfilling the requirements of the WEEE Directive & give additional guidance

SUBJECT	WEEE DIRECTIVE ARTICLES AND ANNEXES	ADDRESSED IN STANDARDS *
Disposal and transport of collected WEEE for proper treatment and preparing for re-use	6.1 and 6.2	✓
Proper treatment	8.1, 8.2 and 8.3	✓
Permits	9.1 and 9.3	✓
Shipments of WEEE	10.2	✓
Recovery targets, calculation method and monitoring	11.1, 11.2, 11.4	✓
Registration, information and reporting	16.4	✓
Inspection and monitoring	23.1	✓
Categories of EEE covered	ANNEX I, ANNEX III	✓
Indicative list of EEE which falls within categories	ANNEX II, ANNEX IV	✓
Minimum recovery targets	ANNEX V	✓
Minimum requirements for shipments	ANNEXVI	✓
Selective treatment for materials and components of WEEE	ANNEX VII	✓
Technical requirements for proper treatment	ANNEX VIII	✓

7 WEEE standards + 8 TS + 1 TR







prEN 50614 Preparation for reuse standard

Actors involved

Technical Committee 111x

National delegation principle

Working Groups

Mainly experts from national committees, manufacturers, producer federations, logistical operators, recyclers, consultants/auditors, only some reuse operators (+/- 25%)



Imbalance of representation in the standardisation process favoring product manufacturers







Opinion of ECOS & RREUSE on EN 50614

Obstacles for (preparation for) reuse operators

Documentation requirements for PfR operators → administrative burden, lack of access to information



References to TS 50625-4 on collection & logistics (and other standards) → inadequate requirements (e.g. weatherproof covering)

Increased costs



Future outlook

- Voluntary but presumption of conformity
- WEEELABEX certification / CLC standards legally required in BE, FR, NL, IRE & SLO
- EC may adopt minimum quality standards based on the standards in the future





Case study: Netherlands (BKN)





Importance of civil society involvement

Wider perspective to ensure standards benefit society & the environment

- Make sure the waste hierarchy is followed
- Incorporate views from reuse operators
- Policymakers of EC adopted our concerns!
- Impact assessment & cost-benefit analysis before making standards mandatory





What can YOU do?

- *Public authorities & producer schemes*: provide guidance & (operational/financial) support to reuse operators
- Manufacturers: provide information free of charge
- Reuse operators & NGOs: monitor issues at national level → report to ECOS/RREUSE, provide feedback to national standardisation body

Provide input for revision (every 3-5 years)



Other relevant standards

Within the scope of the Ecodesign and Energy Labelling framework

prEN 45552

General method for the assessment of the durability of energy-related products (ErP)

prEN 45553

General method for the assessment of the ability to remanufacture ErP



prEN 45554

General methodology for the assessment of the ability to <u>repair, reuse</u> and <u>upgrade energy-related products</u>



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Definitions

Preparation for reuse

Checking, cleaning, testing & repairing operations, by which products or components of products that <u>have become waste are prepared</u> so that they can be re-used (by a person other than its previous owner or user) without any other pre-processing

Reuse

Any operation by which products or components that are <u>not waste</u> are used again for the same purpose for which they were conceived





Example: Fridges

19 million cooling and freezing appliances discarded in Europe every year have a greenhouse warming potential of up to 26 million tonnes of CO2

TS 50625-4

Specification for the collection and logistics associated with WEEE

prEN 50614 (2019)

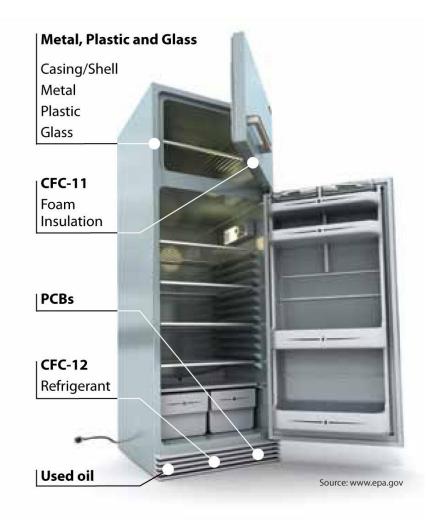
Preparation for reuse

EN 50625-2-3 (2017)

Treatment requirements for temperature exchange equipment

TS 50625-3-4 (2017)

Specification for de-pollution of temperature exchange equipment



Standardisation Process

Proposal - evaluation and decision

Year 0

Drafting and consensus building

Public enquiry – generation of comments

Consideration & resolution of comments

Approval of the standard

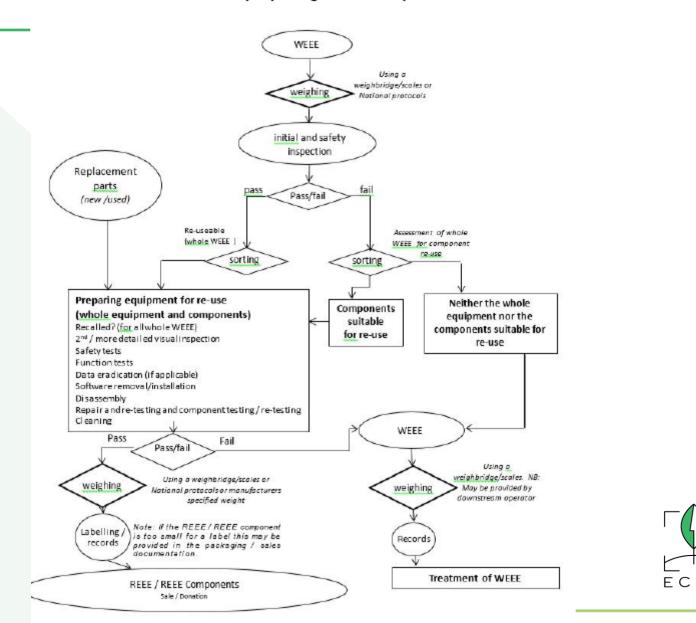
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An overview of the preparing for re-use process



Further recommendations

- Preparation for reuse target in WEEE
- EoW criteria for WEEE (national level)
- Fiscal and legal support measures for (prep. for) reuse
- Partnerships with collection & logistics operators and operators
 who prepare waste electronics for re-use





Environmental impacts of WEEE

