

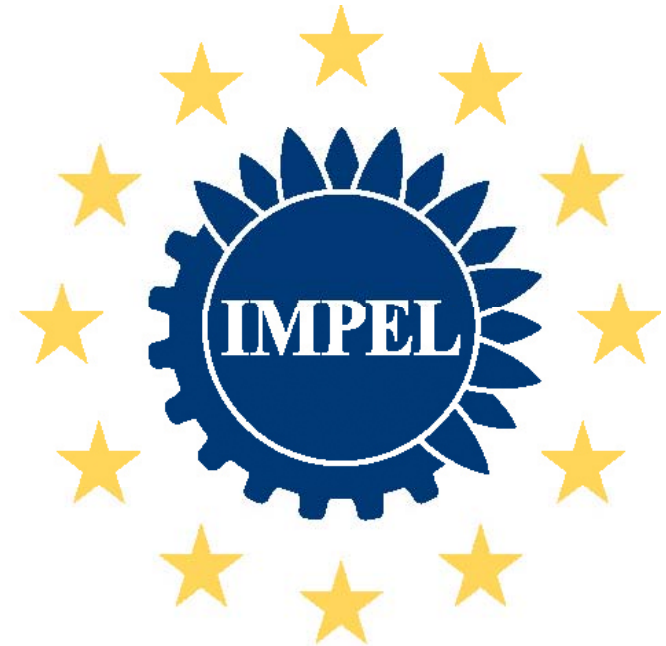
EU Waste Shipment Regulation and WEEE guideline

**Progress in regulation
and the enforcement
activities**

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EU waste shipment legislation



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- Waste framework directive
 - Definition of waste
 - Member States make own national waste legislation
- Waste shipment regulation
 - Direct applicable to all member states
- WEEE Directive
 - Promote recovery, based on the principle of producer responsibility
- Enforcement
 - Individual member states are responsible for enforcement
 - Member states working together within IMPEL-TFS

Progress in legislation and guideline



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- Compare to last year no changes in the Waste shipment legislation and the WEEE guideline
- Focus of the EC is a better implementation within the member states
- WEEE Directive will be revised in the coming period
- Proposal is to incorporate parts (waste/ non waste) of the WEEE guideline in the WEEE Directive

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related to E-waste



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- **WEEE project**

Objectives:

- to carry out a threat assesment
- to develop a control and intervention strategy
- to test the effectiveness of the control strategy

- **African Collaboration (not started yet)**

Objectives:

- to establish contact with key African countries
- to assess current situation regarding illegal imports from the EU
- to agree how to deal with verification request

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WEEE project outcome threat assessment



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Destinations of E-waste:

mainly West Africa, less to Asia, sometimes UAE,
Afganistan, Pakistan and Lebanon

Who is involved:

individuals, small entities, traders, brokers, dealers, re-
use shops, waste collectors, refurbishment companies

(18 questionnaires were answered)

WEEE project outcome threat assessment



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HOW is WEEE obtained:

- from households to municipal waste collection sites or to illegal sites;
- small WEEE: scrap recycling, shredders, WEEE depolluting companies;
- bigger WEEE: via retailers directly sold to brokers;
- second hand equipment: large scale replacements;
- charities;
- directly sold through internet;
- theft.

WEEE project outcome threatassessment



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Deliberate illegal export:

- 11 x don't know
- 4 x yes
- 3 x no
- 2 x it is taken out of scheme, but not deliberately

Stopped illegal export:

- 10 x yes
- 7 x no
- 1 x no information

WEEE project follow up



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Possible actions:

- targeted inspections at ports on WEEE;
- further investigate the role and activities of the collectors;
- develop an inspection plan;
- collect best practises;
- a EU wide inspection on retailers;
- intelligence exchange with the countries of destinations, regarding suspicious waste shipments.

WEEE project follow up



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Action for countries of destination

**IN CASE OF EEN ILLEGAL SHIPMENT,
CONTACT THE AUTHORITIES IN THE
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN AND SEND THE
SHIPMENT BACK**



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- **Collaboration is needed**
- **to stop Illegal WEEE shipments**
- **&**
- **To prevent environmental damage**



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