



Call for concrete actions to implement article 15 of the WEEE Directive on Information for Treatment facilities

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European industry organisations representing waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) repair, re-use and recycling operators and environmental non-governmental organisations, call on the European Commission to speed up the process aimed at implementing Article 15 of the WEEE [Directive 2012/19/EU](#).

Article 15 unambiguously calls for “*Member States to take necessary measures to ensure that producers provide information free of charge about preparation for re-use and treatment in respect of each type of new EEE placed for the first time on the Union market within one year after the equipment is placed on the market.*” To date, this provision, which was already part of the first WEEE Directive 2002/96/EC, has neither been implemented nor enforced.

Relevant information about EEE placed on the market is crucial for WEEE preparation for re-use and treatment operators. Indeed, the rapid evolution in product design, the miniaturisation of EEE, components and materials used for their manufacturing some of which are critical make their repair and recycling increasingly challenging. It is for these reasons that the importance of information exchange between manufacturers and treatment operators is highlighted in the EU’s [Action Plan](#) for a Circular Economy.

First positive steps to foster discussions between the different relevant actors of the value chain have been taken:

- during the workshop held on 8 September 2015 with Member States and experts involved in the EIP on Raw Materials and other key stakeholders on the implementation of Article 15 of the WEEE Directive;
- more recently during the roundtable held on 3 February 2016 on Article 15, chaired by organisations representing EEE manufacturers.

Nevertheless, in order to build upon these steps and achieve concrete, tangible results, the signatories of this letter invite the European Commission to:

- Convene, before the end of 2016, a second workshop with the objective of agreeing on concrete deliverables to implement article 15. Such a workshop should be structured so as to reach concrete deliverables regarding the following crucial elements i) the type of information useful to treatment operators, ii) information exchange about technical solutions and iii) a timeline to be agreed by all parties.
- Ensure that should the workshop be split into different sessions all of them are open to both recyclers and preparation for re-use operators as information and systems to share information can be equally important for both types of operators;



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- Promote a broad participation from Member States' representatives;
- Set up a dedicated webpage on [DG Environment/WEEE section](#) where the presentations made during the first workshop and roundtable and forthcoming meetings will be posted and hence accessible to all stakeholders.

We would like to renew our commitment to contribute to an efficient implementation of article 15 of the WEEE Directive and trust that the above requests will receive your full consideration.

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