
**Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment recycling
(WEEE) & Battery Take-back Regulations**

**National Measurement and Regulation Office / Regulatory
Delivery Directorate**

(Department for Business, Innovation and Skills)

RPC rating: validated

Description of proposal

Distributors of electrical goods and batteries have obligations relating to recycling and 'take-back' of waste batteries under EU regulations. Where inspectors identify non-compliance with the requirements the regulator engages with the business to address any failures through an agreement of a business improvement plan. Previously, the regulator would have provided a prescriptive list of the changes that are needed to comply. Following the change, companies will instead be required to respond to the notice of non-compliance by confirming how they will change their governance procedures to address the issues of non-compliance.

Impacts of proposal

The relevant EU regulations cover all retail outlets that sell electronic goods or batteries. However, the changes will only affect those businesses found to be non-compliant with the requirements. Historically, the regulator has issued between five and fifteen non-compliance notices each year. The assessment highlights that, in the first instance, the change may introduce additional costs for non-compliant businesses in considering how to respond, rather than being provided a list of actions to undertake. However, the regulator expects that the change will result in an improved understanding of the regulatory requirements, and enable greater flexibility in how businesses respond. Both of which may reduce longer-term costs. The regulator has not monetised these effects.

The RPC verifies the estimated equivalent annual net direct cost to business (EANDCB) of zero. This will be a qualifying regulatory provision that will score under the business impact target.

Quality of submission

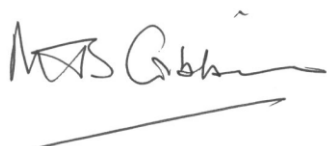
The Department has provided sufficient information to support the estimated EANDCB. As the changes will only effect businesses going through remedial actions following evidence of non-compliance, the assessment that there will be no familiarisation costs for compliant businesses is reasonable.

Departmental assessment

Classification	Qualifying regulatory provision (OUT)
Equivalent annual net cost to business (EANCB)	Zero
Business net present value	Not quantified
Societal net present value	Not quantified

RPC assessment

Classification	Qualifying regulatory provision (OUT)
EANCB – RPC validated ¹	Zero
Business Impact Target (BIT) Score ¹	Zero
Small and micro business assessment	Not required (deregulatory)



Michael Gibbons CBE, Chairman

¹ For reporting purposes, the RPC validates EANCB and BIT score figures to the nearest £100,000.