

## **Hydravision Trading Ltd**

### **Business to Business WEEE policy and returns procedure for UK customers**

WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) regulations came into force on 1 July 2007. This is an EU initiative to protect the environment by reducing the amount of electrical equipment and other electrical products going into landfill sites. These regulations put certain responsibilities on **producers** to pay for the collection and recycling or disposal of electrical and electronic waste.

Hydravision Trading will work with its customers and suppliers to assist them in performing their obligations under the regulations. Disposal of items is determined by the specific manufacturer or producer and falls under "Producer and Distributor Responsibility".

#### **Definitions**

EEE - Electrical and Electronic Equipment

WEEE - Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment

New WEEE - EEE placed on the EU market after 13 August 2005 and should also be marked with the crossed out Wheelie bin symbol with 'date bar'

Historical WEEE - EEE placed on the EU market before 13 August 2005 and not marked with the crossed out Wheelie bin symbol with 'date bar'

#### **Producer and Distributor Responsibility**

If you are a business customer of Hydravision Trading who sells on to private customers you will have the obligation as a **distributor** under the B2C side of the regulations to arrange the movement of WEEE returned to you to recycle centres

If you are a business customer of Hydravision Trading who only sells on to other businesses you have no obligation under the WEEE regulations to take back WEEE (unless you are also a UK WEEE producer) but your business customers may well ask you about disposal routes for 'like for like take back' and end of life 'new WEEE' returns.

If you are a business customer of Hydravision Trading who does not sell on (you are the end user) your obligation under the regulations depends on the type of WEEE you dispose of. You are obligated to pay for the recycling or environmentally sound disposal of historic WEEE. However if such an item becomes waste because it is being directly replaced by a new purchase then this item becomes 'like for like take back' and is the responsibility of the **producer** of the equipment that replaced it. You are entitled to have the producer collect it free of charge as 'like for like take back' within a set period of the sale. You may also arrange for 'new WEEE' to be collected by the producer when it reaches the end of its life.

Hydravision Trading is not classified as a producer for the purposes of the WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) regulations as its own brand EEE (Electronic and Electrical Equipment) items are produced by other producers and re-labeled. (the name of the producer can be found on the item, usually on the rear). Hydravision Trading is not required to separately register as a producer for the purposes of the WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) regulations and so, therefore, the items that Hydravision Trading sells (including those bearing the Hydravision label) and any like for like returns generated from them, are the responsibility of other producers.

### **"New WEEE"**

If the item to be disposed of is 'new WEEE' the customer should contact the UK producer directly and make arrangements for it to be returned to them. In many cases the producer will be obvious from the brand. There is no obligation under the regulations for a supplier to pass on such supplier information and it may be difficult for us to do so as such information may be commercially sensitive.

If the 'new WEEE' item's brand is Hydravision AiO digital signage player or Hydravision 3D digital signage player, then the producer is Euro Electronics Ltd (see individual item for clarification).

### **'Like for like' replacements**

' Like for like take backs' are still the responsibility of the producer. If they are 'new WEEE' then they are the responsibility of the producer and arrangements for collection and disposal should be made with them. If they are historical WEEE then arrangements should be made with the producer of the item that has just replaced them. The producer will advise you of the information that they require from you in order to check the validity of the disposal and any other information that they require from you in order for the consignment to be uplifted.

Please be advised that batteries are not covered by the WEEE regulations.

We are not responsible for other brand items that have reached the end of their life and currently have no arrangement with our UK obligated suppliers to pass back non-own brand end of life WEEE or 'like for like take backs'.

If you have any queries about Hydravision Trading's WEEE disposal procedures contact your Hydravision Trading sales account manager. For further information about the WEEE regulations and recycling you may find the following links useful.

[www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)

[www.recycle-more.co.uk](http://www.recycle-more.co.uk)

