

**Packaging Regulations, WEEE Regulations & Batteries
Regulations
Independent Audit Requirement Enforcement Position**

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Current Position

The requirement to submit an independent audit report under the packaging waste regime is contained within the conditions of accreditation under Schedule 5 paragraph (p) of The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations 2007 (as amended)

The requirement to submit an independent audit report under the WEEE regime is contained within the reporting requirements of the regulations under regulation 52 section (5) of The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2006).

The requirement to submit an independent audit report under the Batteries regime is contained within the reporting requirements of the regulations under regulation 66 section (4) of The Waste Batteries and Accumulators Regulations 2009).

These reports are reviewed by SEPA's Producer Compliance and Waste Shipment Unit however there is high degree of duplication in the monitoring undertaken by SEPA officers and the issues addressed by the independent external auditors.

Proposed Position

SEPA will not require the submission of Independent Audit Reports in relation to packaging waste, WEEE or batteries recycled or exported for recycling during the year 2009.

This position is temporary and will be reviewed by 30th November 2010 at the latest and possibly amended as necessary to ensure high levels of environmental protection and legal compliance.

Throughout 2010 SEPA will liaise with the Environment Agency and the Northern Ireland Environment Agency to ensure the maintenance of a high standard of monitoring of sites accredited and approved under the above legislation across all three jurisdictions


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