

## **Producer Responsibility (Packaging Waste) Regulations Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations (WEEE)**

### **Independent Audit Requirement – SEPA Enforcement Position 05/12/2008**

#### **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).

These reports are reviewed by SEPA's producer responsibility team 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 or WEEE recycled or exported for recycling during the year 2008.

This position is temporary and will be reviewed by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at the latest and possibly amended as necessary to ensure high levels of environmental protection and legal compliance.

Throughout 2009 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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