

OVERVIEW OF CABLE APPLICATIONS IN WEEE2

Manufacturers producing cables with rated voltages of $\leq 1\text{kV AC}$ and $\leq 1,5\text{ kV DC}$ which are directly supplied to final customers will need to comply with producer responsibilities from 2018 onwards depending on the following supply routes:

IN THE SCOPE

Cables supplied directly to final customer for various applications and not specifically designed for EEE

FAQ 2014 – Question 3.8

"Antennas and cables used for the transfer of electrical currents and electromagnetic fields meet the definition of EEE as set out in Article 3(1)(a) and thus fall within the scope of the Directive."

"Cables placed on the market individually that are not part of another EEE are considered as EEE themselves."

FAQ 2014 – Question 3.17

"Equipment which is not specifically designed and installed as part of an excluded installation or tool is not excluded from the scope. Smoke detectors, computers and cables are examples of equipment that is in scope."



If cables are considered **IN** the scope, cable manufacturers will have to comply with producer responsibilities as outlined in WEEE2.

Producer responsibilities may be different in each Member State due to the transposition in national legislation.

OUT OF THE SCOPE

Cables supplied to an EEE producer who assembles the cables inside or connects them to electrical equipment

FAQ 2014 – Question 3.6:

"Components placed on the market separately in order to be used to manufacture and/or repair an EEE fall outside the scope of the Directive unless they have an independent function themselves."

FAQ 2014 – Question 3.8:

"Cables that are components of another EEE (either internal – permanently attached – or externally connected and removable, but sold together with the EEE) do not fall within the scope of the Directive."



OUT OF THE SCOPE

Cables supplied to installers for Large-Scale Fixed Installations (LSFI) or for other excluded EEE

Directive – Article 2.3

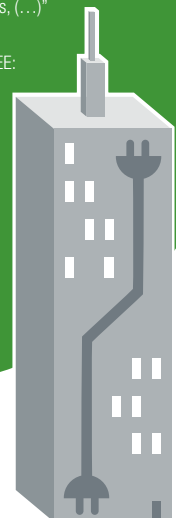
"...this Directive shall not apply to any of the following EEE:

- a) ...equipment which is necessary for the protection of essential interests of the security of Member States, (...)"

Directive – Article 2.4

"...this Directive shall not apply to the following EEE:

- a) equipment designed to be sent into space
- b) large-scale stationary industrial tools
- c) large-scale fixed installations
- d) means of transport for persons or goods
- f) equipment specifically designed solely for the purposes of research and development
- g) medical devices"



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