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Clarification #3 concerning the interpretation of applicable WEEELABEX requirements:

RE-USE, RECYCLING AND RECOVERY TARGET VALUES

Background:

The WEEELABEX normative document on Treatment V10.0 contains following requirements regarding reaching of minimum re-use, recycling and recovery targets:

- The clause 5.7.1 defines: “The treatment operator shall demonstrate reaching the recycling and recovery targets laid down in Directive 2002/96/EC.”
- The Annex D.2 provides the set of recycling and recovery targets values.

However, there are new re-use, recycling and recovery targets defined in the WEEE Directive 2012/19/EU that are valid since 15 August 2015.

Which re-use, recycling and recovery targets are applicable to evaluate the compliance with the WEEELABEX normative document on Treatment V10.0 within the WEEELABEX conformity verification process?

Answer:

The minimum recycling and recovery targets defined in the WEEE Directive 2012/19/EU shall be applied to evaluate the compliance with the WEEELABEX normative document on Treatment V10.0 within the WEEELABEX conformity verification process.

The minimum recycling and recovery targets that are valid from 15 August 2015 until 14 August 2018 are following (based on the WEEE Directive 2012/19/EU):

- (a) for WEEE falling within category 1 or 10 of Annex I,
 — 85 % shall be recovered, and
 — 80 % shall be prepared for re-use and recycled;
- (b) for WEEE falling within category 3 or 4 of Annex I,
 — 80 % shall be recovered, and
 — 70 % shall be prepared for re-use and recycled;
- (c) for WEEE falling within category 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 of Annex I,
 — 75 % shall be recovered, and
 — 55 % shall be prepared for re-use and recycled;
- (d) for gas discharge lamps, 80 % shall be recycled.

The target values defined above shall be obligatory for each new WEEELABEX conformity verification process, and for all the follow-up audits (surveillance audits) within already on-going WEEELABEX conformity verification processes.

NOTE 1: In cases where different national legal requirements are defined (that are applicable to the audited treatment operator), the stricter requirements shall be applied.

NOTE 2: Recycling and recovery targets for treatment operators that do not do any re-use activities could be reduced by the national average % of WEEE Re-used. The % of Re-use shall be based on relevant data (e.g. national reports to EU, etc.).

NOTE 3: The new recycling and recovery targets shall be applied; however, the reaching of the recycling and recovery percentage between the 2002/96/EU and the 2012/19/EU recycling and recovery target values should be classified not as a “non-conformity” but as a “recommendation for improvement”.

Documents related:

WEEELABEX normative document on Treatment

