

**TO WEELABEX Operators,
27th of January, 2021**

**Prolongation of the statement from 13th of
March 2020 to 30th of June 2021**

Communication from the WEELABEX Organisation to the WEELABEX Operators

As a result of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak and increasing restrictions being implemented by local authorities, including e.g. social distancing rules or mandatory quarantine period following the travel, the WEELABEX Organisation have released this **Statement providing guideline and possible solutions regarding the auditing activities** required to ensure to go on with the Certification process of WEEE treatment operators. This statement applies for all certified WEELABEX Operators and is valid for a transition

period of the extra time until 30th of June, 2021.

The aim of this Statement is to permit (as an option, but not as a requirement) **to reduce auditors' personal presence during an "on-site" audit** by allowing to perform some part (defined audit questions) of an audit "off-site" (by documents and records review, and via a web conference). **This part of statement** summarizes and clarifies the already published statement issued on 13th March 2020 **targeted to deal with continual listing of already certified operators.**

The following **guideline is only applicable for the WEELABEX Surveillance audits and for consecutive General audits (it is not applicable for very first General audits without any previous audit history)**, and it is **only applicable in case when the treatment operator can provide the required documents and records in an electronic form.**

The guideline for the WEELABEX Operators:

Summary prolonged period previous statement – issued on 13th of March 2020 with the respect to coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak:

1) Certification/ listing:

We respect the EU rules, local government rules and other instruction issued with the respect of the critical situation in the countries of origin. That's why the auditors and operators shall stick to these rules until the time restrictions are released by the local authorities. If this period is in a conflict with the Certification cycle, we will keep the operator listed as per the last valid Certification scheme.

Required documents - operator email request to WEELABEX office and Lead auditor approval, it is supposed to be filed in the case No.

2) Testing:

In case of the batch test or performance test, sampling or any other analysis on site are conflicting with the local regulations, we do that at the suitable time, when the relevant restrictions are released by the local authorities. The last batch test or performance test is valid even it has been expired.

Required documents – operator email information to the WEELABEX office only.

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3) Mass balance:

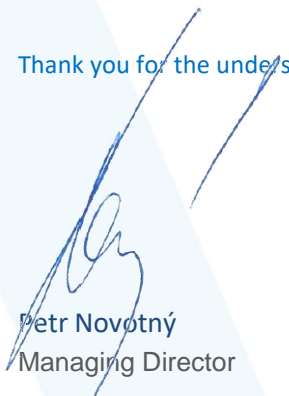
Time period, which has been impacted by regulated situation and any irregularities in the operation within this year, might be taken into the consideration to avoid the unrealistic deviations incomparable with the previous result.

Required documents – note in Summary reports from the Lead auditor.

4) Another individual subject:

Any other irregularities or deviation to the a.m. subject will be taken into account individually.

Thank you for the understanding



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