

WEELABEX Organisation - OFFICIAL STATEMENT	
Issue ID:	2023_001
Issue Category:	Certification scope
Issue Name:	Notebooks and laptops included within the Mixed equipment stream
Issue Description:	<p>Notebooks and laptops are generally classified as WEEE Category 2 under the WEEE DIRECTIVE 2012/19/EU. Therefore, they belong to the "Flat panel display equipment" stream according to the WEELABEX document B02TR Eligibility of Treatment and Preparation for Re-use Operators. The main reason for this is that flat panel displays are subject to the specific de-pollution process because of the content of back-light fluorescent tubes containing mercury.</p> <p>However, some operators carry out the manual dismantling of notebooks/laptops in such a way that they only remove the displays without any additional treatment. Only the bodies of the notebooks/laptops are subject to additional treatment on site in the same way as other IT equipment. The untreated displays are then handed over to another treatment operator(s) that are WEELABEX certified for the FPD stream.</p> <p>In this case, can the notebooks/laptops be included in the "Mixed equipment" stream?</p>
WEELABEX Organisation Statement	<p>Notebooks/laptops may only be included in the "Mixed equipment" stream within the WEELABEX certification if the following conditions are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> flat panel displays from notebooks/laptops are only manually removed without any additional treatment/dismantling; flat panel displays are removed in such a way that back-light fluorescent tubes are not damaged; the removed flat panel displays are handed over to a downstream operator who is WEELABEX certified for the Flat panel display equipment stream. <p>NOTE: Specific handling and storage requirements for flat panel displays are applicable and shall be assessed as part of the WEELABEX audit.</p>
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