

WEEELABEX Organisation - OFFICIAL STATEMENT	
Issue ID:	2025_002
Issue Category:	Certification scope
Issue Name:	Scope of certification and rules for exclusions
Issue Description:	What are the rules for "exclusions" in relation to the scope of certification, and what are the related requirements for downstream monitoring?
WEEELABEX Organisation Statement	<p><u>General rule:</u> An operator must apply for certification and be audited for all WEEE types that are treated on-site and belong to the audited WEEE stream¹. <i>Note: this rule is based on the WEEELABEX document B 02TR Eligibility of Treatment and Preparation for Re-use Operators.</i></p> <p><u>Exclusions:</u> Exclusions from the audit scope may be only used for types of equipment/WEEE that are not treated on-site; either because:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> such types of equipment/WEEE are not received at all (in such case any downstream requirements do not apply either), or such types of equipment/WEEE are received, but are then forwarded for treatment to a downstream operator (in such case the downstream requirements shall apply as defined in the document B 02TR Eligibility of Treatment and Preparation for Re-use Operators, clause 2.4. and as specified in the Question 12 in the A 04TR Auditor Manual - Treatment and Preparing for Re-use). <p><u>Explanation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed statement is consistent with existing WEEELABEX documents, primarily B 02TR Eligibility of treatment and preparation for reuse operators, and clarifies applicable rules. The proposed statement complies with the legal requirements in force in EU member states where compliance with the EN 50625 series of standards is obligatory. The proposed statement respects expectations of interested parties (e.g. WEEELABEX members – PROs) that assume that all types of WEEE within a certified stream are handled and treated in accordance with the requirements. <p><u>Examples:</u> A)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An operator receives and treats all classes 1 – 6 of temperature exchange equipment belonging to the TEE stream – in such case, all TEE classes 1 – 6 must be included in the audit scope and no types/classes can be excluded (typically, on-site treatment of

¹ WEEE streams are defined in the B02TR Eligibility of Treatment and Preparation for Re-use Operators

	<p>household TEE, commercial TEE and air conditioning units, heat pumps and other TEE).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An operator receives and treats all types of small equipment (WEEE category 5) and IT equipment (WEEE category 6) both belonging to Mixed equipment stream – in such case, all small equipment and small IT equipment must be included in the audit scope and no types of equipment/WEEE can be excluded. <p>B)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An operator only receives for treatment temperature exchange equipment classes 1 – 4; in such case, classes 5 and 6 shall be excluded from the audit scope and any downstream requirements do not apply (the “exclusions” shall be clearly specified in the audit report and shall include the classes 5 and 6). An operator only receives for treatment temperature exchange equipment classes 5 – 6; in such case, classes 1 – 4 shall be excluded from the audit scope and any downstream requirements do not apply (the “exclusions” shall be clearly specified in the audit report and shall include the classes 1 – 4). An operator only receives for treatment small IT equipment WEEE category 6 – in such case, small equipment WEEE category 5 shall be excluded from the audit scope and any downstream requirements do not apply (the “exclusions” shall be clearly specified in the audit report and shall include the WEEE category 5). <p>C)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An operator receives for treatment all classes 1 – 6 of temperature exchange equipment but only treats on-site classes 1 – 4, and classes 5 and 6 are forwarded for treatment to a downstream operator – in such case the audit scope comprises classes 1 – 6. Regarding classes 5 and 6, the downstream requirements shall apply as defined in the document B 02TR Eligibility of Treatment and Preparation for Re-use Operators, clause 2.4. and as specified in the Question 12 in the A 04TR Auditor Manual - Treatment and Preparing for Re-use (the “exclusions” shall be clearly specified in the audit report and shall include the classes 5 and 6). An operator receives for treatment all types of flat panel display equipment, but they only treat the LED display equipment, and displays containing mercury backlight lamps are forwarded for treatment to a downstream operator – in such case, the audit scope comprises all types of FPDs. Regarding mercury containing displays, the downstream requirements shall apply as defined in the document B 02TR Eligibility of Treatment and Preparation for Re-use Operators, clause 2.4. and as specified in the Question 12 in the A 04TR Auditor Manual - Treatment and Preparing for Re-use (the “exclusions” shall be clearly specified in the audit report and shall include the displays containing mercury backlight lamps). An operator receives for treatment all types of large appliances and treats everything excluding hot water boilers containing PU
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	insulation foam (with VFC/VHC blowing agents). These hot water boilers are forwarded for treatment to a downstream operator – in such case, the audit scope comprises large household appliances including hot water boilers. Regarding the hot water boilers, the downstream requirements shall apply as defined in the document B 02TR Eligibility of Treatment and Preparation for Re-use Operators, clause 2.4. and as specified in the Question 12 in the A 04TR Auditor Manual - Treatment and Preparing for Re-use (the “exclusions” shall be clearly specified in the audit report and shall include the hot water boilers).
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