

### Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations:

**Batteries do not fall under the WEEE regulations but power supplies, inverters & chargers do comply with WEEE.**

Not every AceOn product is subject to the same treatment under the WEEE regulations. Some of our products, typically chargers and power supplies, are affected by different aspects of the legislation than our batteries and rechargeable batteries. This section aims to provide advice on what the Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations mean for AceOn Group customers.

WEEE is one of the fastest growing waste streams in Europe. In the UK alone, householders throw away around one million tonnes of electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) each year. Much of this waste ends up in landfill, where the harmful substances it contains can cause pollution; but it is possible to reuse and recycle electrical items rather than send them to a landfill. In July 2007 the way this waste is managed changed with the introduction of the WEEE Regulations. The regulations aim to minimise the impact of electrical and electronic goods on the environment, by increasing re-use and recycling and reducing the amount of WEEE going to landfills. To ensure waste electrical items do not contribute to damaging the environment, they need to be separated out from other household waste so that they can be recycled. The WEEE Regulations make it easier for consumers to recycle their old electrical equipment through a mixture of dedicated collection points at local civic amenity sites and new take back facilities provided by retailers.

As a distributor of batteries, rechargeable batteries and Electrical and Electronic Equipment, AceOn Group is obliged to provide our customers with a written resource giving advice to our customers about our compliance with the applicable regulations in this area. Most retailers have joined the Distributor Take-back Scheme (DTS), which is supporting a national network of Designated Collection Facilities (DCFs), where householders can return their WEEE. The DCF network is primarily based at local authority civic amenity sites. If the retailer is a DTS member it should be able to advise where the nearest civic amenity or household waste recycling centre is located. If the retailer is not a member of the Distributor Take-back Scheme, then they should be offering in-store take-back services. The Government expects all retailers of WEEE to declare, if challenged by householders, whether they are providing take-back via their membership of the DTS or providing an in-store take-back service.

AceOn offers a take-back service to our customers. Our customers can physically return or send their WEEE items to us on a one-for-one like-for-like basis when you buy an equivalent item from us. For example, if you buy a charger from us, then you are entitled to return your old charger to us. The WEEE item returned must fulfil the same function as the new item. The customer must return their old item to us within 28 days of purchasing their new item. Customers wishing to return a WEEE item must pay for any transport costs incurred in returning the WEEE item as well as ensure that they are sending the item back within the courier's guidelines for transporting this sort of equipment. We will then re-use, recycle, or dispose of the WEEE as appropriate.

All new WEEE (products or packaging) should be marked with the crossed out wheeled bin symbol: This symbol is intended to remind householders to separate their WEEE and dispose of it in a responsible manner and separately from other household waste.

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