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# Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2013

## **Evaluation of proposals for the Producer Compliance Scheme (PCS) Balancing System**

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# Introduction

## Evaluation of proposals

From 2019, producer compliance schemes (PCSs) must join the government's approved PCS Balancing System (PBS). This is intended to ensure that the costs of collecting and treating waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) when requested by local authorities are shared amongst all PCSs with household WEEE obligations.

This consultation contains two proposals from external organisations for a PBS and administrator. Comments are invited on the extent to which each of the proposals meet the published evaluation criteria, available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/weee-submitting-a-proposal-for-pcs-balancing-system>

Further details can be found in Schedule 8A Parts 1 and 2 of the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2018 available at:

[http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2018/1214/pdfs/ukxi\\_20181214\\_en.pdf](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2018/1214/pdfs/ukxi_20181214_en.pdf)

## Audience

This consultation will be of interest to producers of electrical and electronic equipment, approved producer compliance schemes, WEEE treatment facilities, waste management companies, electrical re-use organisations and local authorities.

## Duration

This consultation will close on Monday 15 April 2019.

## Confidentiality and data protection

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be subject to publication or release to other parties or to disclosure in accordance with the access to information regimes (these are primarily the Freedom of Information Act 2000

(FOIA), the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA) and the Environmental Information

Regulations 2004 (EIR). If you want information, including personal data that you provide to be treated as confidential, please be aware that, under the FOIA, there is a statutory Code of Practice with which public authorities must comply and which deals, amongst other things, with obligations of confidence.

In view of this it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. If we receive a request for disclosure of the information we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as binding on the Department.

## Consultation principles

The principles that government departments and other public bodies should adopt for engaging stakeholders when developing policy and legislation are set out in the consultation principles.

<http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/sites/default/files/resources/Consultation-Principles.pdf>

## Help with enquiries

Questions about the policy issues raised in the document should be addressed to:

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# Tell us what you think

## How to respond

To submit your consultation response, please use Citizen Space (our on-line consultation tool) at: <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/environmental-quality/approvalofpbsproposal>

Our preferred method of consultation is online because it is the easiest way for us to collate and analyse responses. You can request a hard copy of our questionnaire (to complete and return by either email or post) by contacting us using the details above.

## Consultation questions

We are interested in collecting the following information from those responding to the consultation:

- Your name and whether you are responding on behalf of an organisation
- Your address, email address and country where you are based
- Whether you are a representative of a producer of electrical and/or electronic equipment, producer compliance scheme (PCS), approved authorised treatment facility (AATF), waste management company, local authority, distributor (retailer or distance seller), electrical re-use organisation, or another type of organisation

You are not obliged to provide all the above information or respond to all the questions below.

In responding to the questions below it is important that you read the evaluation criteria that will be used by Defra for each of the proposals received for a PBS available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/weee-submitting-a-proposal-for-pcs-balancing-system>

### Question 1

Please score each of the two proposals received on how well they meet the published evaluation criteria as follows:

**0 - Unacceptable** - Nil or inadequate response. Fails to demonstrate an ability to meet the requirement.

**1 - Poor** - Response is partially relevant and poor. The response addresses some elements of the requirement but contains insufficient/limited detail or explanation to demonstrate how the requirement will be fulfilled.

**2 - Acceptable** - Response is relevant and acceptable. The response demonstrates a broad understanding of the requirement but may lack details on how the requirement will be fulfilled in certain areas.

**3 - Good** - Response is relevant and good. The response demonstrates a good understanding of the requirement and provides sufficient details on how the requirement will be fulfilled

**4 - Excellent** - Response is relevant and excellent overall. The response is comprehensive, unambiguous and demonstrates a thorough understanding of the requirement and provides details of how the requirement will be met in full.

Criteria	WAS UK Limited Proposal	WSF Limited Proposal
Methodology for fulfilling the requirement of regulation 34 and dispersing requests to PBS members (5)		
Administration of the PBS (3)		
Timetable for implementation and operation of PBS (3)		
Experience of proposed operator (2)		
IT systems (1)		
TOTAL		

## Question 2

Please provide comments and any available evidence to support your scores against the published evaluation criteria.

## Next steps

Following consultation, the Secretary of State will aim to announce the approved PBS and PBS operator by 1 August 2019. PCSs will have 30 days from the date of approval to join the PBS.