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Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Compliance Fee 2020

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Evaluation of proposals

The UK Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations 2013 establish a system in which producers of equipment are required to finance the cost of collection, treatment, recovery and recycling of WEEE arising from private households. The WEEE Regulations establish a system of annual collection targets that are imposed on producer compliance schemes (PCSs). The Secretary of State has discretionary powers to approve a compliance fee methodology as an alternative form of compliance payable by PCSs that fail to achieve their collection target.

This consultation contains two proposals from external organisations for a compliance fee methodology and administrator for 2020. Comments are invited on whether the Secretary of State should set a compliance fee for 2020 and if so the extent to which each of the proposals meet the published evaluation criteria.

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 be open for 4 weeks from Monday 11 October 2020 will close on Monday 9 November 2020.

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: [add new link](#)

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 telephone number
- 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 [WEEE Compliance Fee](#) on GOV.UK.

Question 1

Should the Secretary of State set a compliance fee for the 2020 compliance period (1 January – 31 December 2020)?

Please provide some comments and any supporting evidence you have available.

Question 2

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

0 – Unacceptable. Nil or inadequate proposal. Fails to demonstrate an ability to meet the requirement.

1 – Poor. Proposal 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. Proposal is relevant and acceptable. The proposal demonstrates a broad understanding of the requirement but may lack details on how the requirement will be fulfilled.

3 – Good. Proposal 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. Proposal is relevant and excellent overall. The proposal is comprehensive, unambiguous and demonstrates a thorough understanding of the requirement and provides details of how the requirement will be met in full.

The scores above should then be multiplied by the weighting given in brackets against each of the criteria below. Example, if you believe the proposed methodology for calculation of the fee is “good” you will multiply 3 x 5 and enter a score of 15 in the table below.

Criteria	JTA Proposal	Valpak Proposal
Methodology for calculation of fee (5)		
Administration of fee (3)		
Methodology for dispersal of funds (4)		
Timetable for implementation of operation (3)		
Experience of proposer and operator (2)		
Proposed IT Systems (1)		
TOTAL		

Question 3

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

Next steps

The government will analyse the responses to this consultation and publish a summary of responses within 12 weeks.

Any compliance fee methodology and compliance fee scheme operator approved by the Secretary of State will be announced by mid-February 2020. This will allow sufficient time for PCSs to pay a compliance fee (should one be approved) and include evidence of payment with their Declaration of Compliance by the deadline of 31 March 2021.