



**SCIENTIFIC
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Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Policy

Scientific Laboratory Supplies provide scientific equipment to a wide range of institutions and organisations throughout the UK and abroad. The National Distribution Centre located in Nottingham was opened in February 2001 and operates from a unit on the Nottingham South & Wilford Industrial Estate.

The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations, EU Directive 2002/96/EC, were fully implemented from the 1st July 2007. These regulations require that electrical and electronic equipment, when being disposed of at the end of its useful life in an EU Member State, must be recycled and/or disposed of in accordance with the EU directive as it is applied in local laws of that State.

SLS shall meet their obligations under the EU Directive on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE). The objective of this policy is to specify the applicable products affected by the directive and to detail the policy and procedures for the return and safe disposal of WEEE.

1.0 Definitions

Historic WEEE – is defined as Electrical and Electronic Equipment placed on to the market prior to the 13th August 2005.



New WEEE – is defined as Electrical and Electronic Equipment placed on the market after the 13th August 2005.



Producer Compliance Scheme – is defined as a company, through which producers will meet their obligations to register with the appropriate authority and finance the cost of collection, treatment, recovery and environmentally sound disposal. SLS are registered with the producer compliance scheme under producer registration number WEE/KH0003ZR.

2.0 Applicable Products

Any finished product is subject to WEEE regulations. A finished product is defined by two criteria:

1. A product with a housing i.e. not an OEM component or sub-assembly.
2. A product either with an intelligent interface; RS232, PS/2 or USB or one that can operate on a stand-alone basis, i.e. independent of a host.

3.0 WEEE Service

SLS have registered as a producer of WEEE with the Environment Agency and make all the necessary declarations with regard to WEEE sold within the United Kingdom. At the end of life, SLS will accept the return of WEEE for the safe disposal and recycling as per the following:

Historic WEEE – Liability for Historic WEEE is only applicable if the end user is purchasing a like for like replacement for the redundant product. SLS are able to charge for the safe disposal of the product in this situation.

New WEEE – SLS accepts liability for New WEEE at the end of life and will dispose of safely or recycle goods wherever possible. SLS does not accept responsibility for the collection, shipping cost or packaging of returned products. All costs associated with the return of WEEE may be requested from the customer.

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