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Dear Producer

**CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO THE UK WEEE SYSTEM -
PROPOSAL OF A *DE MINIMIS* THRESHOLD FOR SMALL PRODUCERS**

You may be aware that the Government published a consultation earlier this year seeking views on proposals for possible changes to the UK WEEE Regulations. The consultation closed on 21 June 2013.

One of the proposals put forward as part of this consultation process was the possibility of reducing the cost of compliance for producers placing very small volumes of electrical and electronic equipment on the UK market. Specifically, it was proposed that we may consider introducing a tonnage threshold into the new regulations and removing the requirement for producers who placed an amount of EEE onto the market falling below this threshold, to join a compliance scheme.

These producers would instead be able to register directly with the relevant Agency or Body as a small producer. The consultation document proposed to set the threshold at 5 tonnes of equipment placed on the market annually. It asked for views on whether such a measure should be introduced and if so whether 5 tonnes was an appropriate threshold. Full details of the proposals and a summary of how stakeholders responded are at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/waste-electrical-and-electronic-equipment-weee-implementing-the-recast-directive-and-uk-system-changes>

The formal Government response to the consultation will be published shortly at the above link.

The existing WEEE Regulations require all producers to join or rejoin a scheme by 15 November 2013 for the 2014 compliance period. If it is possible, based on historical data, that your business may fall below any *de minimis* threshold effective from January 2014, you may wish to defer making any decisions about joining a compliance scheme for 2014 until the Government has confirmed its decision regarding compliance requirements for small producers.

Regards

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