

**Question for written answer E-012015/2011
to the Commission**

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Subject: WEEE Directive and online companies

The WEEE Directive (2002/96/EC) is an EU directive founded on the principle of 'producer responsibility', and its general objectives are to prevent the generation of waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) and to promote the reuse, recycling and recovery of such wastes.

Could the Commission clarify its position on adherence to this directive by online sales companies, with regard to their producer responsibility to promote the reuse, recycling and recovery of wastes outlined in the directive?

Could the Commission confirm whether there are any specific provisions with regard to online sales companies and their adherence to the WEEE Directive?

Does the Commission have any plans to implement further policy concerning online sales and distribution companies and enforcement of the WEEE Directive?

Could the Commission clarify whether online companies which operate in one Member State will be held responsible for either the recycling or recovery of such wastes in another Member State under the WEEE Directive? Do online companies have to register in each Member State in which they trade, in order to comply with the requirements concerning recycling and recovery of their waste electrical products?