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FAQ on Korea RoHS/WEEE/ELV

Korea "Act on the Resource Recycling of Electrical and Electronic Equipment and Vehicles" (also known as Korea RoHS/WEEE/ELV) went into force on January 1, 2008. There are various questions requested by the related commissions and manufacturers/importers. Ministry of Environment of Republic of Korea has published FAQs for better understanding of Korea RoHS/WEEE/ELV on March 25, 2008.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q1. What falls within the scope?

Q2. Do small DMB (Digital Media Broadcasting) players fall within the scope?

Q3. Do SMEs (Small and Medium Enterprises) which supply the components and parts of electrical and electronic equipment and vehicles to large enterprises fall within the scope?

Q4. Portable audio devices among general audio devices are exempted from the scope. What does it mean by "Portable"?

Q5. In case of monitors, what is the category standard in the scope? Do monitors with telegraphic receiving functionality fall within the category of televisions?

Q6. Do CRT televisions, for surveillance, supplied to security system service

companies fall within the scope?

Q7. Do audio devices equipped onto the dashboard and televisions used both at home and in vehicles fall within the scope?

Q8. Is it in the scope if personal computers are simply assembled and sold?

Q9. Do the defense industry products fall within the scope?

Q10. Do LCD-projectors and monitors equipped with television functionality fall within the category of televisions in the Resource and Recycling Act?

Q11. Do monitors and keyboards selling separately from personal computers fall within the scope of the declaration of compliance with restriction on the use of hazardous substances?

Q12. The scope of audio devices is prescribed as "Devices providing audio functionality, whether they are components, stereos, etc." in Annex II of Enforcement Regulation of Act. Do home theater system and DVD players fall within the scope?

Q13. Do imported second-hand electrical and electronic equipment and vehicles fall within the scope?

Q14. What is the definition of the components and parts?

Q15. What does it mean by Section "e" and "f" in Schedule 2, Paragraph 2 of Enforcement Ordinance of Act?

Q16. A homogeneous material is prescribed as "a component or material that cannot be mechanically disjointed into different materials by unscrewing, cutting, crushing, grinding, abrasive processes and similar procedures, such as plastic, ceramic, glass, metal, alloy, paper, composite resin, or coating." in Schedule I of Enforcement Ordinance of Act. Are gilt metal parts and coating plastic parts etc considered as homogeneous materials?

Q17. What is the definition of "Weight of Product" stated in the document in Form 1 of Enforcement Regulation of Act?

Q18. Shall we conform to the standard form of the document to declare compliance with restriction on the use of hazardous substances?

Q19. If manufacturers produce goods falling within the same category, but with separate model names, how shall they perform declaration of compliance with restriction on the use of hazardous substances?

Q20. Is it possible to declare compliance with restriction on the use of hazardous substances and submit in only one document when several vehicles have several different registration numbers in the same vehicle category? (But the vehicles have the same initial registration numbers.)

Q21. Is there a form of document for provision of recycling information?

Q22. In case of vehicles, shall recycling information be provided for synthetic resin less than 100g and synthetic rubber less than 200g?

- Can provision of recycling information be exempted if not requested by the manufacturers and importers of vehicles?

Q23. Who shall be responsible for free collecting vehicles manufactured overseas and imported if the original importer is changed to the new importer?

Q24. Who shall be responsible for obligations of the Resource Recycling Act if there are two separate companies importing and selling the same kind of vehicles manufactured overseas?

Q25. When the real weight of a vehicle is different from the standard weight due to recycling of parts of the vehicle, can the weight of the parts recycled be added in the actual recycling result by authorization?

Q26. Is it possible to transport compressed end-of-life vehicles to shredders by general vehicle, not by waste collecting vehicle?

Q27. Is it possible to sell pure scrap iron of vehicles and compressed end-of-life vehicles to junk shops, not to shredding and recycling operators?

Q28. Shredding and recycling operators who already notified waste recycling or had an authorization for middle waste disposal business shall register for the shredding and recycling business until late 2008 in accordance with the Resource Recycling Act. Is the transfer breakdown of compressed end-of-life vehicles to the middle waste disposal operators before the official registration for shredding and recycling business valid?

Q29. No shredding and recycling business is registered in Jeju Province, What can be done for recycling of end-of-life vehicles?

Q30. Shall end-of-life vehicle business sites be responsible for segregation and storage yet waste gas disposers have not registered?

Q31. Are separate airbag disposal facilities needed as end-of-life business sites

recently proceed stabilization operations mechanically and electrically for airbag disposal?

Q32. When is the registration period of shredding and recycling business and waste gas disposal business?

Q33. Is there a master plan for establishment of the resource recycling network across the country? (The network will invite advantages such as distribution cost reduction)

Q34. The Resource Recycling Act became effective on Jan. 1. 2008. Do vehicles newly placed on the market after the effective date fall within the scope of free collection?

Q35. Shall manufactures and/or importers separately report the actual recycling result of end-of-life vehicles to Ministry of Construction and Transportation even if its data has already put in Electronic Management Table System of Korea Environment Resources Corporation?

Q36. Do distributors taking goods out of the warehouse and collecting them fall within the scope among those responsible for filling up and submitting Electronic Management Table?

Q37. Who is responsible for filling up and submitting Electronic Management Table if local government shreds waste of electrical and electronic equipment and collects useful metals from the waste and buries them under the ground?

Q38. What does it mean by a legal delay of declaration of compliance with restriction on the use of hazardous substances?

Q39. What does it mean by "placed on the market" in Schedule 2, Paragraph 2 of Enforcement Ordinance of Act?

Q40. New products and existing products have separate application dates of July. 1. 2008 and January. 1. 2011. What is the condition or scope of existing products which take advantages of the later application date?

Q41. Is it an existing product if a mobile phone manufactured on January. 2. 2008 is placed on the market on October. 8. 2008?

Q42. How can an imported electrical and electronic equipment classified as a new product in terms of time basis?

Q43. What is a legal delay for threshold limits of hazardous substances of domestic

manufactured vehicles?

Q44. If vehicles are manufactured for certification test in other countries before July. 1. 2008 and classified as existing vehicles, do they fall within the scope of the Resource Recycling Act from January. 1. 2011 irrespective of placement on the domestic market in accordance with Schedule 2 of Enforcement Ordinance of Act stating "Vehicles placed on the market for a performance and safety test"?

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