

### **Declaration of WEEE Obligations (Written Methodology Statement)**

Environmental Instruments is a registered WEEE Producer: **WEE/FB5573RX**

Date of registration: **1<sup>st</sup> August 2015.**

The European Community WEEE directive deals with the disposal of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment at the end of its useful life.



The Wheelie Bin logo applied to a product or its packaging indicates that it should be disposed of in an acceptable manner.

Although there are no legal requirements on the household end-user to do so, the discarded equipment should be disposed of at a WEEE collection site, or if being replaced, be handed-in when buying something of similar description. Every EU reseller has the obligation to offer to take-back in this way.

### **Avoiding Pollution and the Waste of World Resources**

The Environmental directives of the European Community are an attempt to reduce pollution and the waste of world resources. Three directives currently regulate the way electrical and electronic goods are designed, manufactured and disposed of at the end of their useful life. These are "Eco-design", "RoHS" and "WEEE". Eco-design deals with the reduction in energy consumption, RoHS deals with the removal of hazardous substances, and WEEE deals with the disposal of waste.

### **WEEE**

As a manufacturer of Electronic products, specifically outdoor air quality monitors, our obligation is to ensure the correct disposal of Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE) we produce when it reaches the end of its useful life and becomes Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE).

Our distributors (wholesalers, dealers and resellers) throughout the European Community also have obligations and are responsible for declaring their own compliance in their own publicity materials.

### **Business to Business (B2B) in the UK (Direct sales).**

Our obligation when selling as a producer to a professional end-user or non-household end-user.

The professional end-user or non-household end-user should return to us\* any product we produced *after* 13th August 2005 for correct disposal when it becomes waste.

As required, we operate a *like for like take-back scheme* for products bought before 13th August 2005 *when being replaced by a similar product of ours* - we can takeback waste equipment who's origin is a different producer. Products bought after that date are to be returned to their own producer or distributor who should publish their obligation like we do here.

\* We are not obliged to pay for costs involved in returning B2B WEEE.

## Compliance scheme

Environmental Instruments is registered with the environment agency through a Managed compliance scheme:

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As a small (<5 tonnes) B2B producer we are required to submit data to the environment agency on an annual basis which details the tonnage of EEE placed on the market. Environmental Instruments records the serial number and weight in kg for each product it produces this data forms the basis of our quarterly submission. Given the relatively low volume production we are able to record the weight of each product (without packaging or the battery) via an Excel spreadsheet at the time of manufacture. Although all products are recorded only products placed onto the UK market need to be reported to the environment agency. All data submitted must be signed by a director, Partner, company secretary or authorised signatory and must be kept on file for a minimum of 4 years. Relevant documents can be found online via our BOX account at the following location

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Please note...Not all products manufactured are sold, trial and demonstration products are returned refurbished and re-used on subsequent trials.

Warranty returns are typically repaired and returned as such this data is not included in our data submissions as the EEE was counted at time of manufacture when it was first placed on the market. Where a new replacement product is provided the EEE data is recorded by the manufacturing team and is included in our submissions.

Where EEE is exported outside the UK records of the serial numbers are kept on the sales orders along the date of export. As most products are made to order we can ensure the export was in the same compliance year and remove this data from our annual submissions.

## WEEE classification and Scope

The classification and scope were determined using the Environment Agency EEE scope guidance V4.1 and after consultation with the DHL compliance team. Category 3. IT and telecommunications equipment was chosen as the most suitable for our product specifically "Other products and equipment for the collection, storage, processing, presentation or communication of information by electronic means".

### **Correct Disposal**

Correct disposal means we send WEEE returned to us to an ATF (authorized treatment facility) by you returning your discarded product to us, we can ensure this is done properly and obtain the necessary evidence required from us by the UK Environment Agency.

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### **Residual data**

Limited data may be stored on the product at the point of disposal. We will ensure any data is deleted from a product that is returned to us in a functioning condition. Otherwise we will assume that any residual data is unrecoverable. In any case the data does not include meaningful or identifiable information.

### **Our products**

Details on how to return the products can be found in the user manual, via our website or by calling us directly. Our products can be identified by our unique producer identification mark which appears on all our manufactured products. There are two forms of UPIM:



Our company logo :



And product logo:

### **Other obligations**

We are not currently obligated under the Packaging regulations as we handle less than 50 tonnes of obligated packaging each year and have a turnover of less than £2 million.

We are not currently obligated as a producer under the battery and accumulator regulations as we do not place batteries onto the market for the first time. Our batteries are supplied by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party. We do ensure that according to the EU Battery Directive, batteries are marked with the symbol of the crossed out wheeled bin. The symbol reminds the end user that batteries are not permitted to be disposed of with household waste, but must be collected separately in accordance with applicable local regulations.

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