

Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive **Directive 2002/96/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council**

The WEEE Directive is European environmental legislation. It is one of a small number of European Directives which implement the principle of "extended producer responsibility". Under this principle producers are required to take responsibility for the environmental impact of their products, especially when they become waste. The WEEE Directive applies this in relation to electrical and electronic equipment (EEE).

The broad aim of the WEEE Directive is to address the environmental impacts of WEEE and to encourage its separate collection from mainstream waste and its subsequent treatment, reuse, recovery, recycling and environmentally sound disposal.

Although the directive came into force in August 2005, it is still unclear how the UK Government intends to implement this for consumers at this time.

There is a consultation process happening presently and guidelines are expected around January 2007. Once this is finalised, we will be able to advise further on the disposal of products.

Linn's commitment to long product lives and to designing modular, upgradeable products and systems, means that disposal should be less of an issue. Your retailer may be in a position to offer you a trade-in for a newer, higher performance product, effectively re-cycling the product to another customer. If the warranty period for the product is still in effect, the warranty can be transferred (via a retailer) to the new customer.