

Application of the WEEE EU Directive as applied to Finder products

Directive 2012/19/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) regulates the management of such equipment, with the intention of reducing environmental impacts arising from its end-of-life disposal.

This Directive, the so-called WEEE II, effective from 13 August 2012 replaced directive 2002/96/EC. The amendments and adjustments made referred to, amongst other things, the minimum levels of collection and recovery of end-of-life electrical and electronic equipment which must be guaranteed by each member state by 2019.

By the end of a transitional period, expiring on 15 August 2018, the scope of the directive will be extended to all electrical and electronic equipment not explicitly excluded – ie. 'open scope' – resulting in six new categories. Manufacturers; importers; and companies selling electrical and electronic equipment with their proprietary brand must develop and maintain a collection and recovery system for their respective product in the market. Finder products that fall within the scope of the directive and that are included in category 5 (small equipment) are marked (on the product itself or on its packaging) with the WEEE 'crossed out wheeled bin / trash can' symbol to indicate adherence to the scheme.



These products should be placed in the appropriate waste disposal receptacle for the correct recycling in order to limit potential environmental pollution related to the chemical substances present in the equipment.

Finder complies with this EU Directive and takes measures to adhere to its requirements in all relevant countries. It signs up to the various WEEE national registers as appropriate, providing the necessary funding to meet all collection and recovery requirements.