

To whom it may concern

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WEEE Letter

In order to take care of the EU's producer responsibility of financing the collection, treatment, recovery and disposal of WEEE, Vaisala Oyj has joined a collective financing scheme in those EU countries where Vaisala has its own subsidiary. In other EU countries the local distributors (importers) are responsible for the WEEE obligations. Information of WEEE collection and recycling arrangements with nominated operators in different EU countries is available from the local sales.

Our customers can deliver at their cost the Vaisala origin WEEE at the end of the life of the equipment to the nominated operators, in case we have agreed with the customer that Vaisala takes the financing responsibility for the disposal and recycling of the equipment.

As a "Business to Business" (B2B) supplier Vaisala has an option to agree with its customers the financing responsibilities of the end of the life recycling operations of the equipment. This is included in our standard sales agreement, in our distributor agreements and can be included in our special sales agreements.

As a B2B supplier, Vaisala is not responsible for the 'historical waste' of the WEEE directive. Vaisala electrical and electronic equipment delivered since 13.8.2005 and marked with the standard symbol indicating separate collection and recycling belong in the producer responsibility. Markings are made in accordance to the guidelines of the EN 50419 standard.

Traditionally B2B electronics waste has not been recycled through the common (household) recycling system. Typically, at the end of life, the equipment has been delivered by the customers (end users) at their cost directly to recycling operators chosen by the customers (end users).

The producers' organizations collectively take care of the separate collection of WEEE. Meeting of the set targets for the rate of recovery, and for component, material and substance re-use and recycling, is a producers' collective effort also. Producers' organizations report to competent national authorities in EU, and organize necessary information for users and treatment facilities.

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