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I. WEEE B2B take-back concept Germany

Based on § 7a ElektroG n.F., producers who offer **B2B electrical and electronic equipment** (equipment that is used exclusively in areas other than private households or, in any case, is not typically used in private households) on the market are obliged from January 1, 2022 to provide a take-back concept for each type of equipment concerned to the Stiftung ear (the central registry for electrical and electronic equipment in Germany).

As part of the take-back concept, the producer must provide an explanation on how the take-back obligations, according to § 19 ElektroG, will be fulfilled and how end-users can request a take-back of electrical and electronic equipment.

The take-back concept must contain the following information for each type of equipment:

- **A declaration on the take-back options the producer or, in the case of authorization, the authorized representative implemented**
- **In the case of commissioning a third party, the name and address of the third party**
- **A declaration on how waste owners can access the take-back options**

The take-back concept must be submitted at the time of registration and is a mandatory requirement from Stiftung ear, according to § 37 (1) Sentence 4 ElektroG (new version).

Subsequent changes to the concept must be submitted to the Stiftung ear immediately.

Producers already registered before January 1, 2022 must submit a take-back concept to the Stiftung ear by the end of June 30, 2022 cf. Section 46 (1) ElektroG.

WEEE B2B take-back concept from Absen GmbH for ear portal

Our customers can request the return of old electrical and electronic equipment via our corporate website. Requests are coordinated by our service provider 1cc GmbH. Our customers can find the corresponding form and the contact e-mail from 1cc on our corporate website.

The following process is defined for the take-back of B2B electrical and electronic equipment:

1. End customer sends the completed form to Absen GmbH via email (link to the form is provided on Absen GmbH corporate website).
2. Absen GmbH sends collection order and filled out form from end customer to 1cc
3. 1cc obtains an offer from the selected recycling company and asks for order approval
4. Absen GmbH approves the coordination of the B2B take-back (if not, the producer himself takes care of the take-back and disposal)
5. 1cc commissions the recycling company with the take-back and recycling of the electrical and electronic equipment on behalf of the producer
6. The recycling company confirms that the take-back has been performed and sends the corresponding invoice and notifications to 1cc
7. 1cc informs Absen GmbH of the take-back and forwards the invoice to the producer for payment
8. Absen GmbH pays the recycling company directly

Sample text templates for Absen GmbH corporate website – English language

Please choose one of the following options depending on how the payment of the B2B take-back shall be organized.

Option 1 (Absen GmbH pays for disposal)

Waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) that is only used in areas other than private households or, in any case, is not typically used in private households (so-called B2B equipment) may not be disposed via municipal collection centers.

Absen GmbH offers its customers in Germany the opportunity to return their B2B WEEE purchased from Absen GmbH free of charge to ensure the reuse, recycling and environment-friendly disposal. To arrange the return of old B2B equipment, please use the WEEE return form **-form-** from our service provider 1cc GmbH, Max-Eyth-Str. 35, D-71088 Holzgerlingen and send it completed to **-email from producer-** with the subject **"WEEE B2B take-back for Absen GmbH"**.

The service offers by Absen GmbH is a standard service of pickup on site. Products shall be ready for loading in cardboard or on a pallet outside in front of the parking field.

Option 2: (The end customer pays for disposal)

Waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) that is only used in areas other than private households or, in any case, is not typically used in private households (so-called B2B equipment) may not be disposed via municipal collection centers.

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Please contact Absen GmbH directly if you have any questions about the costs of your B2B WEEE take-back.

The service offers by Absen GmbH is a standard service of pickup on site. Products shall be ready for loading in cardboard or on a pallet outside in front of the parking field.

Important Note for Absen GmbH (PRODUCER):

Please consider that the "disposal costs" do not include the take-back and transport costs, but exclusively cover the costs of the recycling or disposal processes of the electrical and electronic equipment to be taken back.

If it is in your interest to transfer the take-back and transport costs to your customer, a separate agreement must be made with your customer.

With regard to the transfer of the "disposal costs" to your customer, 1cc GmbH recommends that you also conclude a separate agreement with your customers.

Sample text templates for Absen GmbH corporate website – German language

Please choose one of the following options depending on how the payment of the B2B take-back shall be organized.

Option 1 (Absen GmbH trägt die Kosten der Entsorgung)

Elektro- und Elektronik-Altgeräte (WEEE) die ausschließlich in anderen als privaten Haushalten genutzt werden bzw. jedenfalls gewöhnlich nicht in privaten Haushalten genutzt werden (sog. B2B-Geräte) dürfen nicht über die kommunalen Sammel- und Rücknahmestellen entsorgt werden.

Absen GmbH bietet Geschäftskunden in Deutschland die Möglichkeit ihre alten B2B-Elektro- und Elektronikgeräte unentgeltlich zurückzugeben, die sie bei Absen GmbH erworben haben, damit die Wiederverwendung, das Recycling und die umweltgerechte Entsorgung gewährleistet werden.

Um die Rückgabe eines B2B-Altgerätes zu veranlassen, nutzen Sie bitte das WEEE-Rücksendeformular **-Formular-** unseres Dienstleisters 1cc GmbH, Max-Eyth-Str. 35, D-71088 Holzgerlingen und senden dieses vollständig ausgefüllt unter dem Betreff „WEEE B2B Rücksendeformular Absen GmbH“ an **-email Hersteller-**.

Der von Absen GmbH angebotene Service ist ein Standardservice für die Abholung vor Ort. Die Geräte müssen in Kartons oder auf einer Palette draußen vor dem Gebäude zum Verladen bereitstehen.

Option 2: (Der Endkunde trägt die Kosten der Entsorgung)

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Absen GmbH bietet Geschäftskunden in Deutschland die Möglichkeit ihre alten B2B-Elektro- und Elektronikgeräte, die sie bei Absen GmbH erworben haben, gegen Entgelt zurückzugeben, damit die Wiederverwendung, das Recycling und die umweltgerechte Entsorgung gewährleistet wird.

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Bei Fragen zu den Kosten der Rücknahme Ihrer B2B-Geräte wenden Sie sich bitte direkt an Absen GmbH.

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II. Information and labelling obligations in Germany

Labelling	<p>The labelling obligation (crossed-out trash can, date of placement on the market) is regulated in § 9 of the Electrical and Electronic Equipment Act (ElektroG) and essentially corresponds to the labelling regulations at EU level.</p> <p>Electrical and electronic equipment must be visibly, recognisably and permanently labelled with the crossed-out trash can on the equipment if a guarantee is required in accordance with § 7 (1) ElektroG, unless this is not possible due to the size or function of the equipment. Minimum size: 5 mm (EN 50419). If the labelling is not applicable directly on the equipment due to the size or function of the product, it must be placed on the packaging, the guarantee certificate or the user instructions.</p> <p>This means that, currently, only B2C electrical and electronic equipment must be labelled with the crossed-out trash can:</p>  <p>Changes in the new ElektroG with effect from January 1, 2023 concern B2B equipment, according to which the labelling with the crossed-out trash can will also be obligatory here. According to § 9 (2) sentence 1 in conjunction with § 46 (4) ElektroG n.F., all electrical and electronic equipment placed on the market after January 1, 2023 must be permanently labelled with the crossed-out trash can symbol.</p> <p>The EN 50419 standard specifies the design of the crossed-out trash can labelling. The use of EU standard 50419 is not explicitly required. However, it is recommended to use it. Especially because its use is mandatory in other EU markets.</p> <p>The date of placement on the market can be indicated in accordance with EN 50419 either by the date of production (ISO 8601) or also by using the symbol for separate recording, which is additionally labelled with a black bar, on the equipment itself in a visible, recognisable and permanent manner.</p> 
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	<p>The producer must also be clearly identifiable, for example, by brand, name or registration number or in another suitable way on the equipment itself in a visible, recognisable and permanent manner.</p>
Disclosure of disposal costs for B2C equipment	<p>According to § 7 (4) ElektroG, the disclosure of disposal costs to end users is expressly prohibited.</p>
Display of registration number	<p>Every producer is obliged to indicate his registration number when offering WEEE and on invoices (§ 6 (3) ElektroG). A display of the registration number on the corporate website is required if WEEE is offered there. This obligation applies to both B2C and B2B equipment, regardless of the distribution channel.</p>
Required information for end users on take-back and recycling	<p><u>Information obligations towards treatment facilities:</u></p> <p>The producer must make the following information available to reuse and recovery facilities within one year of placing the equipment on the market (§ 28 ElektroG).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Components and materials included in the EEE • Where hazardous substances and mixtures are located • The type and chemical system of the battery or accumulator contained in the electrical equipment and about its safe removal <p>The information shall be provided in handbooks or electronically, according to § 28 (2) ElektroG n.F., in the German or English language.</p> <p><u>Information obligations towards B2B end users:</u></p> <p>Information obligations towards B2B end users arise for the first time from January 1, 2022 from § 19a ElektroG n.F. The following information must therefore be provided by producers to B2B end users:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The obligation to collect waste equipment separately • The non-destructive disposal of waste batteries, accumulators and lamps • The possibilities created by the producer for return and disposal of the waste equipment • The end-user must be informed that he/she is responsible for the deletion of personal data from the waste equipment to be disposed of • The meaning of the symbol of the crossed-out trash can <p>Unlike the regulation on the provision of information to private end-users, § 19a ElektroG n.F. does not contain any specific requirements on the type of information to be provided.</p>

<p>Text for the corporate website</p>	<p><i>Disposal of B2B waste equipment:</i></p> <p><u>Option 1: (Absen GmbH pays for disposal)</u></p> <p>Waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) that is only used in areas other than private households or, in any case, is not typically used in private households (so-called B2B equipment) may not be disposed via municipal collection centers.</p> <p>Absen GmbH offers its customers in Germany the opportunity to return their B2B WEEE purchased from Absen GmbH free of charge to ensure the reuse, recycling and environment-friendly disposal of this equipment.</p> <p>To arrange the return of old B2B equipment, please use the WEEE return form -form- from our service provider 1cc GmbH, Max-Eyth-Str. 35, D-71088 Holzgerlingen and send it completed to -email from producer- with the subject "WEEE B2B take-back for Absen GmbH".</p> <p>The service offers by Absen GmbH is a standard service of pickup on site. Products shall be ready for loading in cardboard or on a pallet outside in front of the parking field.</p> <p><u>Option 2: (The end customer pays for disposal)</u></p> <p>Waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) that is only used in areas other than private households or, in any case, is not typically used in private households (so-called B2B equipment) may not be disposed via municipal collection centers.</p> <p>Absen GmbH offers its customers in Germany the opportunity to return their old B2B WEEE purchased from Absen GmbH for a fee to ensure the reuse, recycling and environment-friendly disposal of this equipment.</p> <p>To arrange the return of old B2B equipment, please use the WEEE return form -Form- from our service provider 1cc GmbH, Max-Eyth-Str. 35, D-71088 Holzgerlingen and send it completed to -email from producer- with the subject " WEEE B2B take-back for Absen GmbH".</p> <p>Please contact Absen GmbH directly if you have any questions about the costs of your B2B WEEE take-back.</p> <p>The service offers by Absen GmbH is a standard service of pickup on site. Products shall be ready for loading in cardboard or on a pallet outside in front of the parking field.</p>
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Provisions concerning fines:

According to § 45 ElektroG, the absence of the registration number, of disposal costs and of the correct marking of the appliances with the crossed-out trash can is subject to a fine. In these cases, a fine of up to 100,000 euros can be imposed.