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## WEEE/BATT/PACK and producer responsibilities

Electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) has permeated into every aspect of our modern life. But old electrical devices are a potential danger for humans and the environment. To curtail the negative effects, electronic scraps and used batteries must be sorted and disposed of properly, with the benefit of retrieving raw materials for the production industry at the same time.

EEE waste must be sorted out and managed separately from other waste streams. Proper sorting ensures efficient recycling and prevents harmful substances from contaminating the environment. The primary goal is to protect human health and the environment. By managing EEE waste separately, we reduce the risk posed by hazardous materials and mixtures within electronic devices. Responsible disposal prevents pollution, conserves resources, and contributes to a cleaner planet.

Producer responsibility for electronics, batteries, and packaging means that all companies that produce and sell electronics, batteries, or packaging must contribute to help cover the costs of collecting and recycling the products. Producer responsibility is based on an EU directive from 2005 and aims to promote increased sustainability.

Worldwide, a multitude of regulations govern producer responsibility and the management of WEEE (Waste of Electrical and Electronic Equipment), batteries (BATT), and packaging (PACK). It is incumbent upon everyone to verify the applicable laws in their respective regions and diligently adhere to them.

That old electrical devices must not be disposed of with household waste is indicated by the crossed-out wheeled bin symbol.



### 1. WEEE management in the EU

In the European Union, the recycling of Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE) is regulated through the WEEE Directive and its national transpositions in the different Member States. The EU Commission drafted the first European directive in 1988, covering the introduction, the recovery and the environmentally friendly disposal of electrical and electronic equipment and establishing the obligations of producers.

The directive provides the legal framework, but each member state has implemented it on a national level in a different manner. Based on the polluter-pays-principle and product stewardship, producers are obliged to finance waste collection and recycling – the so-called WEEE costs.

## Sweden

Tobii's headquarter is in Stockholm, Sweden. Under the Sweden Regulation on Producer Responsibility for Electrical and Electronic Equipment which came into force on August 13th, 2005, for equipment that you buy from Tobii AB after August 13th, 2005, Tobii AB is required to provide arrangements for the collection, treatment, recycling and recovery of any electrical and electronic equipment that you buy from them after August 13th, 2005, when that equipment eventually becomes waste. The financing of collection and recycling of any waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) arising from equipment bought before August 13th, 2005, is the customer's responsibility.

Tobii fulfills its obligation through membership with El-Kretsen. For more information on collection solutions please visit <http://www.el-kretsen.se/insamling>.

## 1.1 How to recycle your Tobii product: EU, UK, Switzerland, and Norway

### For consumers:

Tobii is a member of various compliance schemes for collection, recycling, and re-use of electronic waste (WEEE), batteries and packaging. We have partnered with local organizations within the European Union as well as in UK, Switzerland, and Norway to avoid unnecessary transport of electronic waste and batteries for take-back.

You can return your used Eye Tracker to one of the municipality's recycling centers free of charge.

### Businesses Customers:

For all products, except those listed below, please turn in your used Eye Tracker to your local recycling partner.

*For Spectrum, TX300, and T60 XL customers*

Contracts established after May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024:

In the absence of any other explicit agreements, the following points shall serve as binding instructions:

- Hardware Decommissioning:
  - As our valued customer, you are responsible for properly decommissioning applicable hardware. This includes collecting, treating, and managing it in accordance with the EU Directive 2012/19/EU or any corresponding applicable law or regulation.
  - Ensure that the decommissioned hardware is treated at an accredited facility.
- Annual Reporting:
  - Each year, no later than January 24, we kindly request that you provide Tobii with records and documentary evidence regarding the collection and treatment of retired and decommissioned Spectrum hardware for the previous calendar year. Please use this email to send your records: [scm-ab@tobii.com](mailto:scm-ab@tobii.com)
- Returning Non-Tobii Branded Electronics:
  - It is possible to return non-Tobii branded electronics with the purchase of a similar Tobii system. For doing so, please inform your Sales representative when ordering a new Tobii product. Please note that this option is valid when sales are conducted face-to-face.

## Valid for existing contracts established before May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024:

- We encourage our customers to arrange recycling with a local recycling partner, but due to the size of the monitor, these Eye Trackers are eligible for our take-back program and it is possible to return them to our Stockholm office.
- Tobii pays for the costs of treatment, recycling, and recovery of the WEEE to meet the targets set by the Swedish Regulations and pays for the costs of data management and reporting to the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency to demonstrate compliance with all administrative requirements of the Swedish Regulations.
- In the event of returning your Eye Trackers to our Stockholm office, you take responsibility for the transportation costs.
- It is possible to return non-Tobii branded electronics with the purchase of a similar Tobii system. For doing so, please inform your Sales representative when ordering a new Tobii product. Please note that this option is valid when sales are conducted face-to-face.
- Return to Stockholm: Contact Tobii's Customer Care via our customer portal and inform them about the return. Please make sure the unit is properly packed and add a comment "to be recycled" on the package itself or the label. Feel free to choose any carrier of your preference. Having tracking service to the package is helpful for later reference.
- Please send your Eye Tracker to the following address:
  - Tobii AB, Karlsrovägen 2D, 182 53 Danderyd Sweden.
- Recycle via your own local recycling partner: If your recycling partner needs a manual for correct preparation for recycling of your Eye Tracker, please contact Tobii's Customer Care.

Tobii complies with the regulations for consumer electronics in EU and on relevant markets and uses only materials and components that meet the RoHS and REACH standards.

## **1.2 WEEE registration numbers**

In Germany, France, and Ireland producers need to maintain a WEEE registration number. In other countries, no registration number must be provided but you can search for the producer's name in the national WEEE register.

### **WEEE in Germany**

The so-called ElektroG2 came into force on October 24, 2015. It implements the EU directives 2002/95 / EG1, 2002/96 / EG2 and 2012/19 / EU. The purpose is to avoid waste from such devices and to recycle them as best as possible to protect the environment. Private customers can hand in their old devices at municipal waste disposal sites.

Producers are responsible for financing the costs of taking back, environmentally friendly treatment, recycling and disposing of waste electrical and electronic equipment that is handed over to municipal waste disposal sites. Tobii fulfills the obligations arising from this and registers with the European Recycling Platform (ERP) Deutschland GmbH.

The registration number for Tobii AB is DE71041126.

### **WEEE in France**

The WEEE sector entered into force for the general public in France on November 15, 2006. The objective of this sector is to organize and finance the recycling of devices that have reached the end of their useful life on the national territory.

Tobii fulfills its obligations regarding WEEE by being a member of ECOLOGIC [www.ecologic-france.com](http://www.ecologic-france.com).

Our registration number in France is FR022945\_05XCDO.

## **WEEE in Ireland**

There is legislation for managing Waste Electrical and Electronical Equipment (WEEE) in Ireland. This legislation sets out the rules and the legal obligations for anyone who makes, imports, or sells EEE in Ireland. This legislation also sets the rules for collection and recycling of WEEE.

The legislation is as follows: S.I. No. 149/2014 - European Union (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) Regulations 2014.

Recycling WEEE and waste batteries is free. You can bring them to your local recycling center or civic amenity site. You just drop them into the right box.

Find the [recycling centre](#) nearest to you, where you can recycle your WEEE, batteries, and light bulbs.

Tobiis registration number is 2530WB.

## **2. Battery management**

The European Battery Directive 2006/66/EC was adopted in Europe from 26 September 2006 and required European countries to transpose the Directive into national law. It was replaced by the EU Batteries Regulation, which came into force on August 18, 2023. Its provisions have been legally applicable since February 18, 2024.

This regulation covers the entire lifecycle of batteries, promoting sustainability and aligning with the European Green Deal. It aims to enhance environmental protection, promote sustainable battery use, and improve recycling efforts. On top of this, it sets limits for the use of harmful substances such as lead, mercury, and cadmium.

Manufacturers, distributors, or importers of batteries are required to contribute to the cost of disposing of the batteries.

We have partnered with local organizations within the European Union to avoid unnecessary transport of batteries for take-back.

### **Sweden**

In Sweden, Tobii complies with Swedish battery legislation by being a member of El-Kretsen, which reports for us to the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (Naturvårdsverket), and thus fulfills the producer responsibility for batteries (SFS 2008:834). The municipalities are responsible for collecting used batteries and accumulators. El-Kretsen operates a collection system and guarantees that collected batteries are disposed of and recycled in an environmentally and correct manner in accordance with applicable laws.

You can find advice and tips on recycling and disposal of batteries and accumulator on the following website <https://www.el-kretsen.se/>.

In Germany, France and Ireland, producers need to maintain a battery registration number. In other Countries, no registration number must be provided but you can search for the producer's name in the national battery register.

## Germany

Tobii is a member of the Joint Take-Back System for Batteries (GRS). GRS fulfills the obligation stipulated in the Battery Ordinance for manufacturers and importers to take back used batteries free of charge, to recycle batteries in accordance with German waste regulations and to dispose of non-recyclable batteries.

For this purpose, GRS Batteries provides return containers and organizes the disposal services, i. H. Logistics, collection, transport, sorting, recycling and / or disposal. As of 2022, GRS is reporting Tobii's data to the German EAR Foundation as required by the newest revision of the regulation on Producer Responsibility for Electrical and Electronic Equipment.

On the website <http://www.grs-batterien.de>, you will find notes and information on various aspects relating to the recycling and disposal of batteries and accumulators.

GRS is reporting our data to Stiftung EAR.

Tobii's registration number with EAR is 95931110

## France:

In May 1999, the French government signed a decree relating to the sale and disposal of batteries and accumulators. Tobii has a partnership with Corepile and complies with the obligations of this decree. You can find a collection center close to you as well as advice on the process of recycling and disposing of batteries and accumulators here: [Corepile, collecte et le recyclage des piles et petites batteries en France](#).

Our Batteries Producer Registration Number in France is: FR022680\_06I3GP.

## Ireland

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## 3. Managing of packaging waste

Globally we can see increasing quantities of packaging waste, which cause environmental problems. The EU Packaging Directive 94/62/EC, which is valid throughout Europe, serves to ensure that packaging and packaging waste are of a uniform, environmentally friendly and health-friendly nature. In addition to the substances contained and their effects, it includes the objective and achievement of recycling. The directive will be replaced by a new regulation on packaging and packaging waste, that will directly apply to all member states.

All packaging placed on the EU market has to comply with essential requirements related to its manufacturing, composition, and reusable or recoverable nature.

## Sweden

Producers' responsibility for recycling / reuse of packaging is mandatory under the Ordinance on producer responsibility for packaging (SFS 1997: 185). Tobii complies with Swedish packaging legislation through its membership in NPA (Näringslivets Producentansvar).

You can look up the nearest recycling station here: [Sveriges avfallsportal | Sopor.nu](#)

In Germany and France, producers need to maintain a packaging waste registration number. In other Countries, no registration number must be provided but you can search for the producer's name in the national packaging waste register.

## Germany

Tobii is committed to environmental protection and complies with the legal requirements for the registration of all packaging at Landbell and LUCID. You can easily dispose of Tobii packaging via the public collection containers of the dual systems (paper barrel, yellow bag). Information on the topic of recycling of packaging can be found at [Verpackungen | Umweltbundesamt](#)

Tobii's registration number at „Zentrale Stelle Verpackungsregister“ is DE1334160165863

## France

Tobii complies with French requirements on packaging waste in adherence to the Eco-Packaging system. The decree of 1 April 1992 stipulates that any person in the market for packaged products destined for households should contribute to, or take charge of, the elimination of used packaging. Tobii uses Citeo as a partner. Citeo organizes collection, sorting and recycling and provides. Please check the sorting guide: [CITEO - Guide du tri pour savoir que faire de vos déchets \(triercestdonner.fr\)](#)

Our registration number is FR022945\_01UWHO.

## Spain

In Spain, the management of packaging waste is governed by comprehensive legal regulations, aiming to advance the circular economy and reduce the environmental impact of waste. The practices include preventing waste production, encouraging reuse, promoting recycling, and holding producers responsible for their product waste management.

Citizens can dispose of recyclables in designated bins or at 'punto limpio' facilities. The Royal Decree 1055/2022, effective from December 29, 2022, aims to reduce packaging waste's environmental impact.

Tobii has chosen Opemed as our authorized representative.

Our registration: RD 1055/2022 RPP NUMERO ENV/2024/000045797

## 4. How to recycle your Tobii product in other countries

### For consumers:

You should be able to return your used Eye Tracker to one of the municipality's recycling centers free of charge or in dedicated collection bins for E-waste. In some countries there are online tools available to find nearby collection centers. Different countries have varying rules for e-waste recycling. Please research your region's guidelines.

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