

# WEEE (Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment) Directive 2002/96/EC

## Nilfisk-Advance Ltd – Nilfisk-ALTO Ltd

As a retailer of Nilfisk Alto or Nilfisk Advance electrical & electronic equipment (EEE), you have obligations within the above Directive which came into effect in the UK on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2007. **One of these obligations is for you to be able to prove that the EEE you sell comes only from WEEE Registered Producers.**

The broad aim of the WEEE Directive is to address the environmental impacts of electrical and electronic equipment when it reaches the end of its life and to encourage its separate collection, subsequent treatment, re-use, recovery, recycling and environmentally sound disposal.

The WEEE Regulations have a number of implications for both producers of EEE and distributors or retailers of EEE.

We refer you to the following DTI website link for detailed guidance information on WEEE:

<http://www.berr-ec.com/CGIBIN/priamlnk.cgi?MP=CATSER^GINT65&CNO=1&CAT='239'>

We would also refer you to the Industrial Cleaning Machinery Manufacturers Association website which discusses which cleaning machines are covered under the WEEE Directive and which, in their opinion, are not.

<http://www.icmma.org.uk/weeedirective.php>

## **Business to Consumer Sales**

You as a Distributor or Retailer of EEE have responsibilities in terms of the provision of facilities to enable the free take-back of household WEEE from end users and the provision of certain information to consumers of EEE.

The main obligation on distributors is to provide a take-back service to householders enabling them to return their WEEE free of charge.

The WEEE Regulations provide you with a choice of providing "in-store" take-back or participating in the Distributor Take-back Scheme, or providing an alternative system for free take-back for householders.

Distributor obligations commence from 1 July 2007. There are, however, preparatory activities, which must take place. You should decide now whether or not you wish to join one of the Distributor Take Back Schemes or whether you will offer in store take back facilities.

## **Business to Business Sales**

As part of the supply chain for non-household EEE, we would suggest that it is in your best interests to offer take back facilities for both household **and** non household or business to business EEE. This would mean customers would be directed towards you the retailer at the end of life of the products and that this would facilitate a timely opportunity to sell them a replacement machine.

The alternative under the regulations would be for the business customers to approach us the producers at the end of life. We feel this would not be in the best interests of our dealers' sales and your continued relationship with your customers. We would therefore propose the best way forward is to agree with you that you should offer these disposal facilities as allowed in Regulation 9 (2) of the WEEE Regulations 2006 for those machines falling under the scope of the WEEE Directive. Not only would this provide you with a sales opportunity but also the opportunity to re-work the returned machines. *To this end would you please note that we have amended our standard terms and conditions as follows:*

"The Buyer shall be responsible for the environmentally safe and legal disposal of the goods at the end of life under the above Regulations and also to be responsible for providing disposal facilities for both household and non household users."

## ***Nilfisk Advance and Nilfisk ALTO WEEE Registration Details***

Our Company has Registered with a Compliance Scheme who will facilitate the monitoring of our Waste Electrical Equipment.

We are required to inform you, that, as a producer:

- We are Registered with the Environment Agency as a Producer, our Registration No. is **WEE/CH0071UZ**
- All of our products affected by this Directive will be marked with the symbol of a crossed out wheelie bin

Our affected products fall into the following WEEE categories:

- Category 2 Small Household Appliances – section 2. Vacuum Cleaners, Steam Cleaners, Carpet Cleaners, Single Disk polishers, Burnishers, Scrubber Dryers, Sweepers.
- Category 6 Electrical and Electronic Tools – section 6.1 High Pressure Cleaners.

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