

WEEE Policy

Product Range:

All electrical and electronic products

Policy Statement:

The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) directive came into force on 1st July 2007. Its general aim is to reduce the amount of electronic and electrical equipment that goes into landfill by making producers pay for the collection, treatment and recovery of waste electrical equipment. The amount of WEEE thrown away is increasing by around 5% each year, making it the fastest growing waste stream in the UK. Much of the UK's WEEE ends up in landfill, where the lead and other toxins it contains can cause soil and water contamination. This can have a harmful effect on natural habitat, wildlife and also human health. Many electrical items that we throw away can be repaired or recycled. Recycling items helps to save our natural finite resources and also reduces the environmental and health risks associated with sending electrical goods to landfill.

Distributors of new Electric and Electronic Equipment (EEE) have a part to play in reducing the amount of WEEE going into landfill sites. It affects Mirka (UK) Ltd (MUL) in that MUL supplies electrical equipment onto the market.

MUL are required to:

- offer customers free take-back of their WEEE on a like-for-like basis when they buy a new Electrical or Electronic product
- register with a compliance company (Valpak)
- make EEE users aware of MUL's compliance number (letter head, invoice and order confirmation)
- produce timely declarations of how much EEE MUL has placed on the market
- produce timely declarations of how much WEEE MUL has taken off the market
- produce a Policy which dictates how MUL will handle WEEE when it comes to it's end of life
- ensure new electrical / electronic goods carry the crossed out wheelie bin symbol with the black bar underneath (as shown below):



Communication Method to Customers:

MUL's WEEE Policy is available to customers on request and on the Company website

How to use the Take-back Scheme

- If requested by the customer, Mirka will take back like for like old WEEE products (wheelie bin symbol without the black bar underneath it).
 - If requested by the customer, Mirka will take back Mirka branded products (with the wheelie bin symbol, serial number and date of manufacture stamp) when a like for like product is purchased, if:
 - Requested within 28 days of purchase of the product, or
 - The product has come to the end of its life cycle
1. Request that the product is taken back (via email to: enquiries.uk@mirka.com)
 2. Send the product (including a copy of the invoice for the new item – if applicable) to:

WEEE Take-Back Scheme
Mirka (UK) Ltd
Saxon House
Shirwell Crescent
Furzton Lake
Milton Keynes
MK4 1GA

3. Mirka will then use the services of an approved WEEE recycling company to dispose of the returned product