

## WEEE Protocols

The EU Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive requires producers to ensure separately collected WEEE is treated appropriately and recycled to target levels. It is generally agreed that recording and reporting procedures are greatly simplified by the adoption of nationally agreed protocols.

### Objective

In 2006 CIWM (EB) was contracted by Defra to project manage research work to deliver the appropriate protocols, engaging with the Environment Agency and waste industry to ensure that the final protocols were acceptable to all parties.

Physical trials and product/material analyses were undertaken by Mayer Environmental sourcing mixed WEEE loads from a number of CA sites around England. An extended sampling was conducted for Large Domestic Appliances. Detailed reports delivered in 2007 can be downloaded from the Defra website.

[www.defra.gov.uk/environment/waste/topics/electrical/index.htm](http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/waste/topics/electrical/index.htm)

The ultimate intention is to be able to measure cost-effectively the UK's achievement of the targets in the WEEE Directive.

### Status

Further information and a specially developed **Online WEEE Calculator** for accredited treatment facilities (ATFs) can be found at the project website: [www.weeeprotocol.org.uk](http://www.weeeprotocol.org.uk) hosted by CIWM (RPM).