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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations transpose the permit requirements of Article 6 and Annexes II and III of Council Directive [2002/96/EC](#) on waste electrical and electronic equipment (OJ No. L37, 13.2.2003, p.24) as amended by Council Directive [2003/108/EC](#) (OJ No. L345, 31.12.2003, p.106).

These Regulations amend the Waste Management Licensing Regulations 1994. They provide for exemptions from permit requirements for treatment of waste electrical and electronic equipment (“WEEE”), together with exemptions from the permit requirements of Council Directive [2006/12/EC](#) on waste (OJ No. L114, 27.4.2006, p.9) for the purposes of storing WEEE.

Regulation 3 and Schedule 1 amend the Waste Management Licensing Regulations 1994 for the purposes of providing new exemptions for the treatment and for the storage of WEEE, amending existing exemptions and making other amendments to the Regulations.

Regulation 4 and Schedule 2 set out the transitional arrangements for existing licence holders and establishments and undertakings that have extant registrations.

A transposition note setting out how the Government will transpose the permitting requirements of Article 6 and Annexes II and III of the WEEE Directive into law has been placed in the library of each House of Parliament. It is available at <http://defraweb/environment/waste/topics/electrical/index.htm>.

A full Regulatory Impact Assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business has been placed in the library of each House of Parliament. It is available at <http://defraweb/environment/waste/topics/electrical/index.htm>. Copies can also be obtained from the Environment – Protection and Quality Division, National Assembly for Wales, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ.