

## What in the case of noncompliance with the obligations?

Inspection of compliance with the obligations laid down in the Act on Sustainable Waste Management, the Ordinance on packaging and waste packaging, and the Ordinance on the management of waste EE equipment is carried out by the inspectors from the Ministry of Environment and Energy and the Ministry of Finance – Customs Administration.

Any offences of noncompliance by the manufacturer of products legal person can be punished with a penalty in the amount **from HRK 100,000.00 to 800,000.00**, and for the responsible person in the legal person with a penalty in the amount **from HRK 30,000.00 to 70,000.00**.



**As of 2007, manufacturers and importers who place certain quantities of products in packaging on the market in the Republic of Croatia have been obliged to pay the EE waste management fee.**

The fee charge system and management system of this type of waste is organised by the **Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund**.

If you are not sure whether as part of your business activity you are obliged to report to the Fund the quantities of packaging you put on the market in the Republic of Croatia, you can find the information at [www.fzoeu.hr](http://www.fzoeu.hr).



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## EE waste

Technological progress prompted economic growth and improved people's lives, but it has also left a new environmental challenge: electrical and electronic (EE) waste is one of the fastest-growing categories of waste. The ever-increasing number of devices and equipment that with the end of their useful life become EE waste cause two problems: pollution of the environment and irreversible loss of valuable raw material. Separate collection and treatment of EE waste in Croatia is implemented through the system managed by the Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund, and EE equipment manufacturers are subject to a fee for the functioning of the system.



The fee is paid by the producers/introducers/importers of electrical and electronic PRODUCTS that will one day become waste and enter the EE waste management system

## Who is the producer/person obliged to pay the fee?

Legal or natural person – tradesman who places on the market (imports, introduces or manufactures) electrical and electronic equipment (EE equipment), including those who **Import/introduce EE equipment for their business purposes.**



## What does placing on the market mean?

Import/introduction of products to the territory of the Republic of Croatia, first-time marketing of products manufactured in the Republic of Croatia.

## You are not sure whether you're obliged to pay the fee?

Reply to the following questions:

- Do you manufacture electrical and electronic equipment?
- Do you introduce or have you introduced EE equipment from EU countries?
- Do you import or have you imported EE equipment?
- Have you imported or introduced EE equipment from the EU as promotional materials or have you received it as donation?

If you answered **YES** to at least one question – you are obliged to pay the EE waste management fee.

## What are your obligations?

### 1. Supply the information about import/introduction/production of EE equipment

MONTHLY: manufacturers are obliged to submit to the Fund monthly reports in the prescribed form (IU/PEEO) until the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the current month for the previous month. Based on the data submitted by the manufacturer, the Fund issues a decision as the basis for the payment of the fee.  
Note: until 31 January of the current year, the overall annual data for the previous year have to be submitted to the Croatian Environment Agency.

### 2. Pay the EE waste management fee, pursuant to the decision by the Fund. It is a monthly fee.

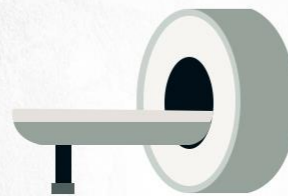
The basis for the calculation of the fee is the nett mass of EE equipment manufactured and/or imported and/or introduced for own purposes and/or placed on the market in the Republic of Croatia expressed in kilograms. The unit fee for all EE equipment is 2.25 kn/kg.

## Exceptions:



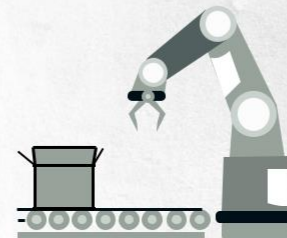
### WASHING MACHINES

The amount of the fee is the product of multiplying 70% of the total weight of the washing machine and the unit fee.



### EE EQUIPMENT ABOVE 500 KG

The amount of the fee is the product of weight of 500 kg and the unit fee.



### STATIONARY INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT

No fee, but the set out conditions have to be met.

## What are electrical and electronic appliances?



## EE equipment comprises:

(electrical and electronic appliances and equipment)

- All products and their components that for their primary and proper operation require electricity or electromagnetic fields as the primary source of energy
- Products for the production, transmission and measuring of electricity and strength of the electromagnetic field, and which can be classified on the list of types of products listed in Annex 2 and Annex 4 of the Ordinance on the management of waste electrical and electronic equipment
- Products that are similar to them in purpose and use and are intended for use with a voltage not exceeding 1,000 V AC and 1,500 V DC.

Part of the products that are considered to be EE equipment is listed in the Ordinance on the management of waste electrical and electronic (EE) equipment, available at [www.fzoeu.hr](http://www.fzoeu.hr)

Regardless of the type, size, and use of EE equipment, everybody is obliged to submit the reports in which they will list the full weight of the device, based on which the relevant decision will be issued.

## Export

Management fee is not paid for products manufactured in Croatia and intended for export. The person obliged to pay the fee who exports or takes out from the country certain quantity of EE equipment from the Republic of Croatia is entitled to a refund of the part of the fee paid for exported/taken out EE equipment based on the request and the submitted authentic documentation (invoice/MRN).  
**Only the importer/introducer who paid the fee upon import/introduction is entitled to a refund.**

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