



DISTRIBUTOR COMPLIANCE



PV CYCLE DTS

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THE PV CYCLE DISTRIBUTOR TAKE-BACK SCHEME



LEGISLATION – PHOTOVOLTAIC PANELS

As for any other waste, the management of discarded photovoltaic (PV) panels needs to comply with UK waste legislation.

WEEE LEGISLATION

Since 2014, the waste management of PV panels has formally been regulated under the UK 2013 Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations No. 3113.

WEEE requires that Producers (national manufacturers/importers) and Distributors take up their extended Producer responsibility and ensure the waste management of their discarded product(s) in the UK. The goal is to prevent waste through comprehensive waste management solutions. Different obligations apply to UK-based Distributors and Producers.

Distributor Definition

The following companies are classed as Distributors under WEEE:

- UK-based installers of PV panels
- UK-based retailers of PV panels (i.e. those businesses selling directly to end users)

Distributor Obligations

Distributors selling PV panels are obligated to:

- have a procedure in place to take back PV waste or
- contribute towards a Government-approved Distributor Take-back Scheme to finance collections from designated collection facilities

PV CYCLE DTS

The PV CYCLE Distributor Take-back Scheme (DTS) is a Government-approved scheme exclusively authorised to manage UK-based PV Distributors' legal obligations under 2013 WEEE Regulations. Operating a unique collection infrastructure for the free return of redundant PV waste, it exempts registered Distributors from their requirement to offer a service directly through own premises.

Our Services

- Providing a Distributor of PV panels with a compliance alternative to setting up an independent free take-back service
- Providing expert advice and guidance on Distributor-related issues under the UK WEEE Regulations
- Communication tools (posters, leaflets, etc) to assist a Distributor of PV panels to fulfill their obligations on ensuring that information is provided in appropriate locations on site, and on their website
- Providing a Distributor of PV panels, once registered with the PV CYCLE DTS, with a certificate as proof of compliance

HOW CAN YOU JOIN?

Registration with the PV CYCLE Distributor Take-back Scheme is easy and online:

- Register at www.pvcycle.org.uk
- Pay your appropriate fee¹
- Upon receipt of payment, receive the PV CYCLE certificate as proof of legal compliance

Our Advantages

- Distributors can be part of a comprehensive compliance solution at minimum cost
- PV CYCLE provides Distributors and their customers with an established UK collection and recycling infrastructure for all PV technologies
- Distributors registered with the PV CYCLE DTS contribute towards and finance the dedicated collection of PV WEEE only
- PV CYCLE is on hand to provide assistance to registered Distributors with any PV waste related queries

¹ fixed term all-in membership

FIXED TERM MEMBERSHIP

Company size	Fee from joining date through to December 2016
Below VAT threshold	£45.00 plus VAT
Less than £1 million turnover	£60.00 plus VAT
Greater than £1 million turnover	£90.00 plus VAT

