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Exporting used electrical and electronic devices

This information is intended for companies and individuals wanting to export used electrical or electronic devices, or wanting to sell such items for export. For convenience, the definition of such devices is 'devices that work with a plug or a battery'. This includes fridges, radios, televisions, mobile phones and computers among other things. In order to meet the requirements set out by European Directives and Dutch regulations, you must adhere to the following points concerning the export of used electrical and electronic devices.

Waste?

Export checks often reveal devices that have been dispensed with by the original user. It is not always clear whether such devices still function properly. Another issue is the use of unsuitable packaging leading to inevitable damage during transport. In these instances, the devices are classified as waste under Dutch and European legislation. Their export is not permitted without a permit. Second-hand devices that can be used again in other countries, and are thus fully functional, are not considered waste. Instructions regarding these devices can be found in this brochure.

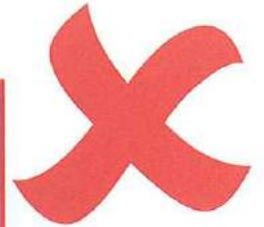
Toxic

Electrical and electronic devices often contain toxic materials. If these goods are not disposed of correctly in the destination country, they can cause contamination of soil, water and air. They can also endanger the health of the local population.





Annex 1



What should you do if you want to export electrical or electronic devices?

If you want to export second-hand devices, or export/have such devices exported under warranty, it is up to you to show that they cannot be regarded as waste by observing the following:

- You must have a copy of the invoice, contract of sale and/or transfer of ownership relating to the device, stating that it is intended for re-use and fully functional (i.e. it works).
- You must have a test certificate. This proves the proper functioning of the device, and should be attached to the device itself or its packaging. It must contain the following information:
 - Name of the device
 - Identification number of the device (type number)
 - Year of manufacture (if known)
 - Name and address of the company that conducted the tests
 - Date and results of the tests
 - Nature of the tests performed
- The goods must be protected appropriately against damage during transport, loading and unloading, with a focus on suitable packaging and stacking of the load (see Annex 1 for good and bad examples).
- Cooling equipment should not contain any CFCs or HCFCs (see Annex 2 for banned cooling agents).

What should you do if you consider the device to be under warranty?

In this case, you do not need to submit an invoice, contract and/or proof of testing. You do need to be able to demonstrate that the device really is under warranty by proving:

- That the shipment is in the context of a business transfer agreement; and
- That the device will be returned to the manufacturer (or a third party acting on its behalf) for repair under warranty with a view to re-use.

What can you expect from the mandated authorities?

Customs or the inspectorate will check, at the point of declaration of goods or during port handling, to confirm that you have met the requirements and whether the documents submitted are acceptable. Should the device not meet requirements, the authorities will consider it waste and its transport will be regarded as an illegal waste transport. If there are doubts about the authenticity of the test report, further investigations can be carried out on the device, or a part thereof, at the expense of the exporter.

What are the consequences of not meeting requirements?

The export of electrical and electronic waste in violation of an export ban, or without the necessary permits, is illegal. Illegal waste transporters will have to pay a fine, or risk imprisonment. Individuals can face a maximum amount of €81,000, and businesses a maximum amount of €810,000.

Contact

Questions should be directed to the Waste Information desk. Staff are available between 9.00 and 12.00 during the working week via +31 (0) 88 602 7979. You can also fill out and send the contact form to us at: <https://www.rwsleefomgeving.nl/helpdesk/afvalbeheer/contactformulier>.

Annex 2

Prohibited		Permitted	
CFC	HCFC	HFC	OTHER
R11	R22	R23	R170 (ethane)
R12	R123	R32	R290 (propane)
R13	R124	R107a	R600a (isobutane)
R14	R142b	R125	R717 (ammonia)
R500	R401a	R134a	R744 (CO ₂)
R502	R401b	R143a	R1270 (propylene/propene)
R503	R402a	R152a	R718 (water)
	R402b	R227ea	
	R403a	R236a	
	R403b	R316a	
	R408a	R404a	
	R409a	R407a	
	R409b	R407b	
		R407c	
		R410a	
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