

EU WASTE LEGISLATION

- Overarching framework legislation, specifically the Framework Directive on Waste
- Legislation on waste treatment operations (e.g. the landfill and incineration directives)
- Legislation on specific waste streams (e.g. packaging, end- of-life vehicles, WEEE)

WEEE TARGETS

- A collection target of 4kg per person of electronic waste to be met every year by the end of 2006
- A revised target to be met by the end of 2008
- Producers targets that include recycling at least 80% of large appliances, and 70% of smaller ones by the end of 2006

WEEE - APPLICATION

- Large and small household appliances
- IT and telecommunications equipment
- Consumer equipment
- Lighting equipment
- Electrical and electronic tools
- Toys, leisure and sports equipment
- Medical devices (with the exception of implanted and infected products)
- Monitoring and control instruments
- Automatic dispensers

Packaging Directive - Targets

- Overall recovery (which can mean recycling but also includes incineration) : 60% as a minimum by weight
- Overall recycling: 55% max 80%
- Material – specific recycling:

Glass 60%, paper and cardboard 60%,
metals 50%, plastics 22.5% and wood
15%

BATTERIES DIRECTIVE

- Minimum average collection rate equivalent to 160 grams per inhabitant per year for spent portable batteries
- Minimum collection rate equivalent to 80% of the total quantity of spent portable nickel cadmium batteries produced per year in each Member State
- All collected portable industrial and car batteries to be recycled two years after the Directive comes into force

Targets to reduce biodegradable municipal landfill

- 75% of 1995 amounts by 2010
- 50% of 1995 amounts by 2013
- 35% of 1995 amounts by 2020

www.europa.eu.int/comm/environment/waste/index.htm