

EPR E-WASTE FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions on EPR E-Waste Registration, CPCB Compliance & E-Waste Management in India

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About This FAQ Guide

This guide is designed as a practical reference for businesses evaluating EPR E-Waste registration and compliance in India. The E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022 came into force on 1 April 2023. The framework applies to specified manufacturers, producers, refurbishers, dismantlers and recyclers dealing with covered electrical and electronic equipment and related components, consumables, parts and spares, subject to the exclusions and conditions in the rules.

Important: Regulatory applicability depends on the entity, product, role and current requirements. This FAQ is general information and should not be treated as legal advice or a guarantee of registration/approval.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is EPR E-Waste Registration?

EPR E-Waste Registration is part of the regulatory framework for applicable entities dealing with electrical and electronic equipment. It establishes responsibilities relating to environmentally sound management and recycling of covered e-waste.

2. Who may require EPR E-Waste registration?

Depending on the applicable rules and the entity's business activity, relevant roles can include manufacturers, producers, refurbishers and recyclers. Applicability should be assessed against the current regulatory requirements and the specific products handled.

3. What is E-Waste?

Under the E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022, e-waste includes electrical and electronic equipment, including specified solar photovoltaic modules, panels or cells, that are discarded as waste, as well as specified rejects from manufacturing, refurbishment and repair processes.

4. What is Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE)?

EEE generally means equipment dependent on electric current or an electromagnetic field to become functional, including equipment for generation, transfer and measurement of electricity, as covered by the applicable rules.

5. What products can fall under E-Waste EPR?

Products are determined by the applicable regulatory schedules. Electrical and electronic equipment, components, consumables, parts and spares that make a product operational may fall within the framework when covered by the rules.

6. Is EPR E-Waste registration done online?

The applicable EPR registration process is handled through the designated CPCB EPR system/portal. Professional consultancy can assist with applicability review, information preparation, documentation and online application support.

7. What documents are commonly required?

The exact list depends on the applicant and activity. Common information can include business registration details, PAN, GST, authorized person details, address/contact information, product details and relevant manufacturing, import, sales or recycling information.

8. Can an importer require EPR E-Waste compliance?

An importer should assess whether the imported electrical and electronic equipment falls within the applicable framework and whether the importer has a regulated role under the current rules. Product category and business model are important.

9. Can a manufacturer require EPR E-Waste registration?

A manufacturer dealing with covered electrical and electronic equipment may have obligations under the applicable E-Waste Management Rules. The exact requirements depend on the products and role of the entity.

10. Can a recycler register under the E-Waste framework?

Eligible recyclers are subject to requirements under the E-Waste Management Rules and applicable registration/authorization mechanisms. The recycler's facility, activity and current CPCB requirements should be reviewed before application.

11. Do EPR obligations continue after registration?

Registration is generally only one part of compliance. Depending on the entity and role, ongoing obligations may include maintaining records, meeting applicable recycling/EPR requirements, obtaining or documenting recycling-related certificates, and filing applicable returns or reports.

12. What is the role of a recycler in E-Waste EPR compliance?

Recycling should be carried out through facilities and channels permitted under the applicable regulatory framework. Documentation and records supporting compliant recycling are important for entities with applicable EPR obligations.

13. What is the difference between EPR registration and E-Waste recycling?

EPR registration establishes the regulated entity and its applicable responsibilities. Recycling is the downstream waste-management activity carried out through appropriate channels. Both can form part of an entity's overall compliance framework.

14. How long does EPR E-Waste registration take?

Processing time can vary depending on the application, completeness of information, regulatory scrutiny, portal requirements and queries raised by the authority. No fixed approval timeline should be assumed without checking the current process.

15. Can EPR registration details be amended?

Where the applicable portal and rules permit amendments, changes to business, product or registration information may be updated through the prescribed process. The exact procedure depends on the type of change.

16. What happens if the application has a query or deficiency?

The applicant may need to provide clarification, corrected information or additional documents within the applicable process. A consultant can help organize the response and supporting documentation.

17. Does E-Waste EPR cover batteries?

Waste batteries are separately covered under the Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022. Therefore, battery-related obligations should be assessed under the battery framework rather than assuming they are covered by the E-Waste Management Rules.

18. Does E-Waste EPR cover plastic packaging?

Plastic packaging is governed under the Plastic Waste Management Rules and its applicable EPR framework. It should not automatically be treated as E-Waste EPR.

19. Why should a business use an EPR E-Waste consultant?

A consultant can assist with applicability assessment, product-category mapping, document preparation, portal filing, responses to queries and organization of ongoing compliance records. Regulatory responsibility remains with the applicable entity.

20. Does Equal Consultancy Services provide EPR E-Waste support across India?

Yes. Equal Consultancy Services provides EPR and compliance consultancy support for businesses across India, including assistance with EPR E-Waste registration, documentation and applicable compliance requirements.

Quick EPR E-Waste Compliance Checklist

- ✓ Identify the business role: manufacturer, producer, refurbisher, recycler or other applicable role.
- ✓ Review whether the products fall under the applicable E-Waste schedule.
- ✓ Separate battery waste and plastic packaging obligations where their separate rules apply.
- ✓ Collect business, authorized-person and product information.
- ✓ Review the applicable CPCB EPR portal requirements.
- ✓ Prepare accurate product/category and quantity information.
- ✓ Maintain records supporting applicable EPR and recycling obligations.
- ✓ Monitor applicable returns, reporting and certificate/documentation requirements.
- ✓ Keep the compliance file updated when business or product details change.

Key Official References

E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022 — Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
<https://moef.gov.in/uploads/2022/11/E-Waste-Management-Rules-2022.pdf>

CPCB FAQ under E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022
https://cpcb.nic.in/uploads/Projects/E-Waste/FAQ_ewaste_23012024.pdf

MoEFCC Rules & Regulations — E-Waste section
<https://moef.gov.in/index.php/rules-regulations-3>

Need EPR E-Waste Registration Assistance?

Equal Consultancy Services provides professional consultancy support for applicability assessment, documentation, CPCB EPR portal assistance and applicable compliance requirements across India.

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