

Complying with the WEEE directive in the European Union

Referring to the letter (enclosed) by Mr. Vesa Laisi on the Vacon NX Product Declaration of Directives, signed April 10, 2005, we would like to remind all Vacon service partners located in the European Union of the WEEE directive and its obligations.

The WEEE (The **W**aste **E**lectrical and **E**lectronic **E**quipment) directive:

2002/96/EC of the European Parliament and of Council of 27 January 2003 on waste electrical and electronic equipment

The purpose of this Directive is, as a first priority, the prevention of waste electrical and electronic equipment and in addition, the reuse, recycling and other forms of recovery of such wastes so as to reduce the disposal of waste.

Waste of Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) is a Global initiative aimed at environmental responsibility. The Directive aims to reduce the waste arising from electrical and electronic equipment; and improve the environmental performance of all those involved in the life cycle of electrical and electronic equipment.

Who are affected?

Those involved in manufacturing, selling, distributing, recycling or treating electrical and electronic equipment (including household appliances, IT and telecommunications equipment, audiovisual equipment, lighting equipment, electrical and electronic tools, toys, leisure and sports equipment, medical devices and automatic dispensers)

Vacon NX products have been designed and manufactured in a way which takes into account and facilitates dismantling and recovery, and in particular, the reuse and recycling of WEEE, their components and materials.

Vacon will appropriately label all Vacon NX products delivered after 13 August 2005 with the symbol for the marking of electrical and electronic equipment. The symbol indicates separate collection for electrical and electronic equipment and consists of the crossed-out wheeled bin, as shown below.



Vacon has promised, together with its partners (or a third party acting on its behalf), in accordance with the Community legislation, to establish a system to fulfill the requirements of WEEE by using best available treatment, recovery and recycling techniques.

Vacon is committed, by December 31, 2006, to increase the rate of recovery to a minimum of 80% of an average weight per NX product and component, material and substance reuse; and recycling shall be increased to a minimum of 75% of an average weight per NX product.

If you have not yet taken steps to complying with the WEEE directive, please make sure to organize recycling of Vacon products in your country accordingly as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about fulfilling the WEEE directive, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Contact information: You will find the updated list of Contact Persons of Service Centers in pdf format at the Vacon Service pages, <http://www.service.vacon.com> (-> Contact).

ENCLOSURES:

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