

Retailer and Distance Seller Inspection Campaign

Introduction

Certification Europe's Environment and Inspectorate Division carry out environmental services for various local authorities, government bodies and the public sector. We were contracted by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), to provide assistance on the enforcement of the Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE) and Battery Regulations, through the delivery of a retailer and distance seller inspection campaign.

Client Requirement

Under the European Union WEEE and Batteries Regulations, the EPA have a responsibility to ensure that retailers and distance sellers in Ireland operate in compliance with the regulations.

The purpose of the regulations is to ensure that national policies on the management of WEEE and Batteries are consistent throughout the European Union and include:
European Union (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) Regulations 2014 (S.I. No. 149 of 2014)
European Union (Batteries and Accumulators) Regulations 2014 (S.I. No. 283 of 2014)
European Union (Batteries and Accumulators) (Amendment) Regulations 2014

These regulations are based on the principles that preventive action should be taken, environmental damage should be Rectified at source and the polluter should pay.

Service Delivery

The campaign involved inspections of distance sellers (websites) and retailer premises.

Distance Seller Inspections

Our team carried out inspections of websites through which Electrical & Electronic Equipment (EEE) and batteries were being placed on the market in Ireland.

Retailer Inspections

Our team carried out inspections on retailers distributing EEE with an associated visible Environmental Management Cost (vEMC) e.g. fridges, freezers, large household appliances, televisions and specified lighting.

Follow up Inspections

Follow up inspections were carried out as required.

Project Outcomes

From the various inspections, we produced and presented a report to the EPA which incorporated all data obtained, findings and recommendations. Our team carried out an awareness campaign in conjunction with the various inspections and the findings were also reported to the EPA.

Project Summary

Start Date: October 2014

Completion Date: January 2015

Client: The Environmental Protection Agency