

Dear RTA participant,

As you may have also read in our annual report '[Samen van doelen naar resultaten](#)' (Together from goals to results) it was decided at European level to change the categories of electrical and electronic equipment as from 1 January 2019.

#### From 10 to 6 categories

Currently there are 10 categories of electrical and electronic equipment but this is being reduced to 6. Four dimensions have been added to the new categories.

Table 1 shows the current category classification and Table 2 the new category classification. Table 3 is a conversion table which indicates how the 10 current categories relate to the 6 new categories.

**Table 1. Valid categories up to and including 31 December 2018 - CURRENT**

1	Large household appliances <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MijnRTA reporting: large, commercial equipment resembling domestic appliances</li></ul>
2	Small household appliances <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MijnRTA reporting: small, commercial equipment resembling domestic appliances</li></ul>
3	IT and telecommunications equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MijnRTA reporting: commercial IT and telecommunications equipment</li></ul>
4	Consumer equipment and photovoltaic panels <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MijnRTA reporting: commercial sound and vision equipment</li></ul>
5	Lighting equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Not via RTA</li></ul>
6	Electrical and electronic tools (with the exception of large-scale stationary industrial tools) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MijnRTA reporting: Electrical and electronic tools</li></ul>
7	Toys, leisure and sports equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MijnRTA reporting: commercial equipment for sport, games and amusement</li></ul>
8	Medical devices (with the exception of all implanted and infected products) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MijnRTA reporting: medical aids</li></ul>
9	Monitoring and control instruments <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MijnRTA reporting: measuring and control instruments</li></ul>
10	Automatic dispensers <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MijnRTA reporting: vending machines</li></ul>

**Table 2. Valid categories from 1 January 2019 – NEW**

1	Temperature exchange equipment
2	Screens, monitors, and equipment containing screens having a surface greater than 100 cm <sup>2</sup>
3	Lamps
4	Large equipment (any external dimension more than 50 cm)*
5	Small equipment (no external dimension more than 50 cm)**
6	Small IT and telecommunication equipment (no external dimension more than 50 cm)

\* This category does not include equipment included in categories 1 to 3.

\*\* This category does not include equipment included in categories 1 to 3 and 6.

In the same way as the current category classification, there will be a subdivision into subcategories in the new category classification.

You can find more information about this later in this newsletter.

**Table 3. Conversion categories**

		Old categories									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
New categories	1	X									X
	2			X	X						
	3					X					
	4*	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	5 **		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
	6			X							

\* No equipment which falls under categories 1 to 3 belongs to this category

\* No equipment which falls under categories 1 to 3 or 6 belongs to this category

Examples:

- electrical and electronic tools which previously fell under category 6 now fall under category 4 if they are large tools and now fall under category 5 if they are small tools;
- a medical device which previously fell under category 8 now falls under category 4 if it is a large medical device and it now falls under category 5 if it is a small medical device;
- a measurement and control instrument which previously fell under category 9 now falls under category 4 if it is a large instrument and it now falls under category 5 if it is a small instrument;

#### Expansion of exceptions for electrical and electronic equipment

Not only are the categories changing, but the list of equipment which does not fall under the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations (hereinafter: Regulation) has been expanded. This list has been taken from the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive.

[Article 2, paragraph 2](#) identified which equipment previously did not fall under the Regulation:

- equipment which is necessary for the defence of the essential interests of the safety of European Union member states, to include weapons, munitions and war materials for specific military purposes;
- equipment which is specifically designed and installed to form part of other equipment which does not fall under the scope of this Regulation and which can only fulfil its function if it forms part of the other equipment.

In addition, the following equipment is also no longer covered under the Regulation, [see article 2, paragraph 3](#):

- equipment designed to be sent into space;
- large, non-movable industrial machines;
- large, fixed installations, with the exception of equipment not specifically designed and installed as part of such installations;
- means of transport for persons or goods, with the exception of electric two-wheelers lacking type approval;
- mobile machines not intended for road-use which are exclusively made available for commercial use;
- equipment designed exclusively for the purposes of research and development and which are only made available by a company to another company;
- medical aids and medical aids for in-vitro diagnostics, if these aids are expected to be infectious prior to the end of their working life, and active implantable medical aids.

#### New subcategories and new reporting format

At the national level, a reporting format is currently being worked on. This format will be based on the 6 new categories with a subdivision into subcategories. A possible subdivision could be, for example, between domestic and commercial.

We will inform you about this reporting format as soon as becomes definitive. The new reporting format will be implemented in MijnRTA. You can start to prepare yourself for the new reporting format right away.

If you have any questions or want more detailed information, please get in touch so that we can be of service to you in a timely way. As a participant, you will use the new reporting format on our website from 1 April 2019.

#### More information

On our website you can find the [Guideline on scope of Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations](#). This guideline is a tool for identifying which equipment falls under which category and which equipment does not fall under the Regulation. You can also contact the [Waste Management Helpdesk](#). Needless to say, you can also approach the Stichting RTA (Recycling Technological Equipment Foundation).

Any questions? The RTA team is ready and waiting to hear from you!

Yours sincerely,

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