

Axion Recycling Newsletter

WELCOME to the latest issue of the Axion newsletter. With the WEEE regulations about to come into force we bring you details of amendments to the original document and announce that Axion Polymers will be 'open for business' from February 2007.

WEEE Regulations amendments

The governments new Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) regulations come into force on January 1st, 2007 and the DTI is rolling out a series of seminars on the regulations, to be held across the country in January and February. A number of amendments have been made to the original draft regulations, as follows:

1. Reprocessors will not in fact, need to be accredited. Only authorised treatment facilities (ATFs) will be approved as approved authorised treatment facilities (AATFs) or exporters. Both will have the ability to certify treatment and recycling. (Only AATFs can issue evidence in relation to the treatment, recovery or recycling of WEEE, relating to WEEE received at that AATF. AATFs must keep records enabling them to produce reports detailing:

- the total amount (in tonnes) of WEEE received for treatment
- the total amount (in tonnes) of WEEE treated
- the total amount (in tonnes) of WEEE delivered to another ATF for treatment under the regulations
- the total amount (in tonnes) of WEEE delivered to a reprocessor for recovery or recycling.)

2. Retailers can request a free disposal point for any WEEE they take back from their local compliance scheme.

3. Producers can indicate a fee to a purchaser, but the purchaser can elect whether or not to pass this on to the consumer.

4. Local Authorities will be required to submit invoices for hazardous WEEE for the period 1 April - 30 June which the DTI will pass on to producers according to market share. (Further regulations governing this will be issued).

5. Fridge-freezers, screens and discharge lamps have been added to the number of categories that producers must provide data on, bringing the total to 13. Producers must register weight data for 2006 sales by 15th March 2007.

6. The producers' fees are now:

- £30 per producer below the VAT threshold
- £220 with a turnover between VAT and £1 million.
- £445 for those above £1 million.

7. Business to business (B2B) obligations do not come into effect until 1st July 2007.

8. The environmental agencies will issue guidance on scope.

Read further details on the DTI seminars at <http://www.dti.gov.uk/files/file35965.pdf>.

Read the Regulations in full at <http://www.dti.gov.uk/files/file35992.pdf>

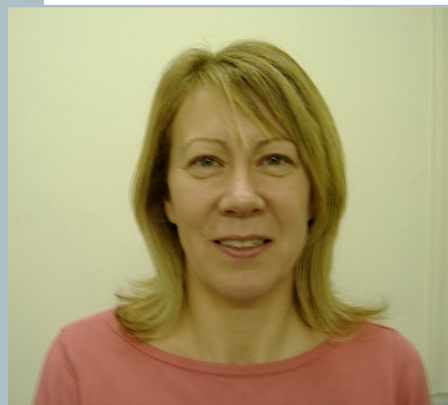
Read the WEEE permitting regulations at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/waste/topics/electrical/pdf/weee-draftregs.pdf>

Staff Focus: Ann Rothwell

Ann Rothwell is responsible for purchasing at Axion Polymers. Her job includes obtaining quotations and approval associated with new purchases and raising all purchase orders. She manages the arrival of stock and is responsible for associated administration.

Ann has a great deal of experience in the industry having worked for 16 years as a Sales Co-ordinator for Polyone. Her duties included liaising with sales representatives, providing quotations for customers and overseeing sales orders right through to delivery.

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Axion Polymers opens for business February 2007

From the beginning of February 2007, Axion Polymers will begin full scale production in their new state of the art facility in Salford. One of the most advanced plastics recycling facilities in Europe, the plant separates and compounds recycled plastics from Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE). Mixed and contaminated thick-walled plastics of all polymer types are processed successfully into high quality recyclate suitable for re-use in injection moulding and extrusion processes. Axion Polymers' growing team have developed market-leading technical processes to ensure consistent product quality to required technical specifications.

The plant will be accepting raw materials and producing new materials available for sale. Customers can select exactly the correct grade of recyclate for their individual requirements. Axion Polymers supplies polystyrenes and polyolefins under two brand names; AxPoly and AxPlas. The AxPoly brand refers to technically-specified polymer grades that satisfy more demanding extrusion and injection moulding requirements. AxPlas covers a range of general-purpose recycled plastics for less demanding applications.

Typical waste plastic sources targeted by Axion



- Refrigerator plastic fractions
- IT dismantling
- CRT recycling
- Mixed household WEEE (including mixed polymers from bulk WEEE shredding)
- Industrial waste plastics (pipes, conduits, crates, stillages, etc)
- End-of-life (ELV) vehicles (bumpers, dashboards, separated shredder residue plastic fraction)
- Waste rigid plastics from the food/beverage/chemical industries

Materials required

Yes Please

Thick wall plastics over 1mm
Polyethylene
Polypropylene
Polystyrene (PS/ABS/HIPS)

No Thank You

Thin wall plastics and films
PVC
Clinical waste
Plastic bottles
Mixed household waste plastic

We are always seeking raw materials for our operations. In most cases Axion can pay a positive price for regular supply.

We prefer a minimum quantity of five tonnes per month. If several suppliers of similar material are located in the same area, we can help to build networks by arranging 'milk round' collections.

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