



**EPEAT Clarification #20
Rechargeable Battery Take-Back Service Declaration**

This Clarification applies to the following IEEE Standards and criteria:

Applicable Standards:

- IEEE 1680.1 – Personal Computers and Displays
- IEEE 1680.2 – Imaging Equipment
- IEEE 1680.3 – Televisions

Applicable Criteria:

4.6.2.1

PVC Determination:

IEEE Standard 1680.1 criterion 4.6.2.1 requires that *“In the annual corporate declaration, manufacturers must explain how the service applies to products declared to this standard and must provide information about that service.”* At a minimum, Subscribers must provide in the annual corporate declaration the name of the organization operating the take-back service, the level of participation, and where further publicly available information can be found (e.g. URL of the applicable website).

Background Information:

Criterion 4.6.2.1 of IEEE 1680.1 requires that *“In the annual corporate declaration, manufacturers must explain how the service applies to products declared to this standard and must provide information about that service.”* A recent question arose regarding what an acceptable declaration to this criterion should include.

To meet this declaration requirement, a Subscriber must either provide a full explanation of the rechargeable battery take-back service (including how the service applies to products covered by IEEE 1680.1) or indicate where this information is publicly available.

Interpretation 1-12 indicates that it is clearly the intent of IEEE 1680.1 that a Subscriber must either be a licensee of RBRC, or provide a service that is separate from and equivalent to the RBRC (now known as Call2Recycle®) recycling service. Therefore, a declaration of being a Call2Recycle Licensee together with the URL for the Call2Recycle website will meet the requirements.

If Subscriber is participating in and/or is a licensee of a different rechargeable battery take-back service that is equivalent to Call2Recycle and run by an independent organization, declaring the name of the organization running the service and providing a URL for publicly available information on the service (e.g. the organization’s website) will also meet the requirements.

If the Subscriber is providing its own rechargeable battery take-back service that is equivalent to Call2Recycle, indicating this in the declaration and providing either details on the self-operated service or a URL for publicly available information on the service (e.g. the Subscriber’s website) will meet the requirements.

Many countries and regions have active secondary (rechargeable) battery recycling legislation in place. While Subscribers may be required by law to participate in battery take-back and/or recycling programs in certain countries, declaring the name of the legislation does not necessarily indicate how the battery take-back service is being provided, only that such a service is required. In these circumstances, the Subscriber must still identify how the service applies and provide information about the service. This could be met by providing the name of the organization operating the rechargeable battery take-back service and a URL for where further information can be found on the service. (Note that Subscribers must also be sure that any service provided under legislative requirements is functionally equivalent to Call2Recycle.)

Change History:

Revision A approved by the PVC, published, and effective on 03/15/13.