



**EPEAT Clarification #17  
Grace Period**

**This Clarification applies to the following IEEE Standards and criteria:**

**Applicable Standards:**

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

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**PVC Determination:**

The grace period provided in 4.6.2.1 is specific to countries and is only applicable in countries where there is no initial service provider certified to a qualified recycling standard. In such countries, the grace period is specific to each manufacturer with products registered in that country. That is, the grace period begins for a manufacturer in a country when that manufacturer first registers a product in that country using a conformant (not certified) recycler, and the grace period in that country for that manufacturer ends 18 months after the registration date. Thus, the grace period may begin and end at different times for each manufacturer in a country where there are no initial service providers certified to a qualified recycling standard.

**Background information:**

The language in 4.6.2.1 related to the grace period is potentially unclear as to whether the grace period is specific to each manufacturer or applies to manufacturers collectively. That is, does the grace period begin for all manufacturers when one first registers, or is the grace period specific to each manufacturer based on the date that they first register?

**Change History:**

Revision A approved by the PVC and effective on January 18, 2013.