



**EPEAT Clarification #26 Revised  
Provision of take-back service for broader scope of products**

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

<b>Applicable Standards:</b>	<b>Applicable Criteria (enter here):</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> IEEE 1680.1 ó Computers and Displays	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IEEE 1680.2 ó Imaging Equipment	4.6.1.2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IEEE 1680.3 ó Televisions	4.6.1.2

**PVC Determination:**

The term "local" in criterion 4.6.1.2 includes state and provincial programs.

Regarding reporting requirement a):

- If a country has local or federally mandated requirements for recycling consumer electronics and if these mandates require reporting of recycling volumes by manufacturers or brand owners, the annual disclosure will not be zero.
- If a country has local or federally mandated requirements for recycling consumer electronics where data is only collected by local or federal program, and not subsequently provided to manufacturer, then the annual disclosure can state "not publicly available" or "unknown". Information to support this claim must be provided.
- If a value of zero is claimed, the Subscriber will need to prove that there are no local or federally mandated requirements for manufacturers to recycle consumer electronics, either individually or in cooperative schemes.

Regarding reporting requirement b) the voluntary take-back of consumer electronics only needs to be demonstrated after product declaration. The imaging equipment Registry launched in January 2013 and the television Registry in March 2013. Therefore, reporting "0" for voluntary programs for 2012 is acceptable since take back programs pursuant to criterion 4.6.1.1 only had to be in place at the time of product declaration.

Reporting requirement c) is simple addition of items a) and b).

**Background information:**

Several questions were raised during a recent investigation regarding this criterion.

First, 4.6.1.2 reads in part "Volume of products collected voluntarily (efforts beyond required collection under local or federally mandated programs). The word "local" has caused some confusion.

Second, what values would be reasonable to be reported for this optional criterion? In particular, is "0" a reasonable expected value for annual disclosures?

Additional questions were asked regarding the case where recycling consumer electronics is mandated locally or federally but data on collection volumes by manufacturer or brand is not reported back to the manufacturer. If data is not available, how can the manufacturer meet this requirement?

**Change History:**

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