

Summary of AIWOLG AATF / AE telecom held on 21st December, 2010

Attendees

Industry: S Hill, J Greenaway, D Hulse, P Burgon

EA: R Scarpello, H Thorp, L Hatton

GN04 Evidence and Protocols guidance / revised small mixed WEEE protocol:

A number of issues relating to the revised edition of GN04 were discussed including:

- Correcting the hyperlink to the DCFs code of practice
- Adding a sub-heading on page 9 to clarify the difference between batteries guidance between single stream and continuous bulk processes
- A discussion centred around the correct figure for the % of waste batteries in the SMW protocol
- Correcting an error in the SMW protocol which referred to Cat 13 when it should have read Cat 12

It was agreed that these issues would be addressed and the guidance would be reissued as soon as possible.

New data reporting requirements

Concerns were raised about the requirement for AATFs and AEs to report data in the new reporting format for Q4 in isolation.

In summary the questions raised were:

What use will one quarter's data be to the Agencies?

Can we allow a week's grace on this occasion?

Is a full breakdown by PCS needed?

Is the data already available for the Agencies on the settlement centre?

It was agreed that these questions would be considered further and reported back at the January AIWOLG meeting.

Summary of data requirements for AATFs / AEs

- Q4 data on the new template including non-obligated WEEE
- Annual summary of data on the new template including non-obligated WEEE

Summary of data requirements for PCS

- Q4 data on the old schema
- Annual summary data on the new schema

The Quarter 4 data is required to provide details on WEEE activities in the 4th quarter and provide the Agencies with 4 quarters worth of data that can be analysed. The annual summary is required in addition so that the complete picture for movements and evidence of WEEE between PCSs and AATFs / AEs is held.

All data for 2011 onwards should be provided in the new format.

AATF / AE approvals process

Concerns were raised about the large admin burden associated with supplying evidence of equivalent standards at overseas reprocessors. It was felt that goalposts changed on this at the last minute.

Concerns were raised about the approach taken by PRRS in assessing approval applications. It was suggested that many questions put to the AATFs and AEs were either unnecessary or included in the original submission. Concerns were also raised about delays in commencing assessments .

It was agreed that all comments would feed into a full review of the AATF / AE approvals process being undertaken prior to the next round of approvals.

Specific concerns about individual AATF applications were discussed separately with individual AATFs and AEs outside of the meeting.