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E-scooters fall under the definition of electrical and electronic equipment (EEE), as per the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive¹. Member States must ensure that EEE producers fulfill their extended producer responsibility to finance and organise separate collection and treatment of such waste.

All EEE producers must be registered in every Member State where they place EEE on the market and report the quantity of EEE placed on that market. Member States report annually to the Commission such quantities and the amounts collected, prepared for re-use, recycled, and recovered. This includes WEEE treated in another Member State or outside the EU.

Some Member States have set out rules on penalties applicable to infringements of national provisions on WEEE management. Member States have individually taken action specific to their national circumstances to reduce the number of non-compliant producers².

Regarding light means of transport (LMT) batteries, many provisions of the Batteries Regulation³ have not yet started to apply, such as those on due diligence, labelling and battery passport. The Commission has no indication from market surveillance authorities that there are significant compliance problems with those provisions that already do apply.

The WEEE Directive specifies the rules for WEEE shipments, inspection and monitoring, and distinguishes between used EEE and WEEE to prevent illegal WEEE exports. As per the Waste Shipment Regulation⁴, the export of WEEE from the EU to non-Members of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is prohibited. The export of WEEE from the EU to OECD countries is subject to the prior notification and consent procedure.

¹ Directive 2012/19/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) (recast), OJ L 197, 24.7.2012, p. 38–71.

² More details are available in the Commission SWD(2025) 184 final on the evaluation of the WEEE Directive.

³ Regulation (EU) 2023/1542 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 July 2023 concerning batteries and waste batteries, amending Directive 2008/98/EC and Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 and repealing Directive 2006/66/EC, OJ L 191, 28.7.2023, p. 1–117.

⁴ Regulation (EU) 2024/1157 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 April 2024 on shipments of waste, amending Regulations (EU) No 1257/2013 and (EU) 2020/1056 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006, OJ L, 2024/1157, 30.4.2024.