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SUBJECT: **Lenovo Statement Concerning WEEE**

The European Union's directive on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)

The Directive 2002/96/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 January 2003 on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) came into force on February 13, 2005, and has been transposed into national law by the EU member states. The EU Directive 2002/96/EC was created to improve the collection and recycling of WEEE throughout the EU, and to reduce the level of non-recycled waste. Directive 2002/96/EC will be repealed with effect from 15 February 2014 and replaced by EU Directive 2012/19/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 on waste electrical and electronic equipment ("WEEE recast" or WEEE 2"). This document provides a general description of Lenovo's approach to meeting the requirements of the WEEE legislation.

The directive gave some flexibility to the member states in implementing their individual WEEE regulations leading to the definition of varying implementation requirements by country and may involve considerations beyond those reflected in this document. This statement is not intended and shall not be interpreted or construed to be legal advice or to be legally binding on Lenovo or any third party.

Lenovo's Commitment

Lenovo is committed to a safe and healthy environment and has been working diligently to ensure its compliance with WEEE legislation. Lenovo and all products sold by Lenovo will comply with WEEE legislation by:

- designing its equipment with consideration to future dismantling, recovery and recycling requirements;
- marking its products with the required symbols and informing users of their obligation to separate WEEE from general waste and dispose of it through the provided recycling systems;
- reporting information as required by each member state;
- facilitating the collection, recycling and disposal of WEEE from private households and other than private households (businesses) as defined by the applicable member state regulation;
- providing information to treatment centres according to the requirements defined in the local regulation.

Lenovo continues to work with WEEE consortia and suppliers and our distributors and resellers to provide efficient processes for complying with WEEE obligations and we continue to refine those processes. Lenovo will be closely watching the EU WEEE recast process and its transposition into national law to implement upcoming requirements to the date they become effective.

Obligations for buyers of Electrical and Electronic Equipment

As of 13 August 2005, in each EU member state where a WEEE scheme has been implemented, disposal of EEE waste other than in accordance with the scheme is prohibited. Generally, the schemes require collection and recycling of a broad range of EEE products, including personal computers. Lenovo PCs (notebooks, tablets, and similar products) fall within the scope of the directive and the implemented member state regulations. All such Lenovo products that have reached end-of-life must not be disposed as general waste, but instead, put into the collection and recycling system provided in the relevant jurisdiction.

Collection and recycling of WEEE

Lenovo takes responsibility for the collection and recycling of WEEE where Lenovo is legally responsible for those obligations. In other countries, where the Business Partner is the legally responsible party, we expect the Business Partner to take responsibility for all applicable obligations related to the importing and sale of Lenovo products including notification of authorities, reporting, showing registration numbers and/or visible fees on customer invoices, and collection and treatment of WEEE.

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Where Lenovo is responsible for the collection and treatment of WEEE, Lenovo has established different processes depending upon whether the WEEE is from private households or other than private households (businesses).

From private households

For WEEE from private households in countries where Lenovo imports products, Lenovo has met its obligations by joining national consortia in applicable countries and funding its share of their activity. Typically, these consortia collect waste from municipal collection points and arrange for its reuse, treatment or environmentally friendly disposal. WEEE may be brought by private households to municipality collection points and/or consortia collection points if they are offered in the local jurisdiction, or in certain EU member states WEEE may be brought also to retailers (who accept old EEE when selling a new equivalent product).

From other than private households

For other than private household WEEE, Lenovo meets its obligations in those countries, by joining consortia (where available for such purposes) or contracting with EARN to provide collection and treatment services for WEEE from eligible businesses.

For electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) purchased before 13 August 2005, Lenovo will arrange for the collection and treatment, without charge to the customer (regardless of manufacturer) if part of a 1:1 replacement sale. For all Lenovo products put on the market after 13 August 2005, Lenovo will arrange for the collection and treatment of the products regardless of whether a Lenovo replacement product is purchased. Other arrangements or agreements differing from the above may be agreed on contractual level if they are in scope of the directive or local jurisdiction. It is a requirement that the products to be collected are in a condition that will not endanger those collecting them.

WEEE Compliance in other Geographies

Lenovo complies with WEEE marking and other requirements in all geographies where we do business. The WEEE marking on Lenovo products applies to all countries with WEEE and e-waste regulations (e.g., European Directive 2002/96/EC, India E-Waste Management & Handling Rules, 2011). Appliances are labeled in accordance with local regulations concerning waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE). These regulations determine the framework for the return and recycling of used appliances as applicable within each geography. This label is applied to various products to indicate that the product is not to be thrown away, but rather put in the established collective systems for reclaiming these end of life products.

For more information on Lenovo's product recycling programs by country, please visit

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