



NOTICE TO IMPORTERS / EXPORTERS OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT (EEE) AND TYRES TO THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA

Object: Implementation of country of origin inspection, verification and collection and receipt of advance eco-levy on electric and electronic equipment (EEE) and tyres imported to the Republic of Ghana

Reference: Hazardous and Electronic Waste Control & Management Act, 2016 (“Act 917”)

With the objective to provide for the control, management and disposal of electrical and electronic waste and tyres in the Republic of Ghana, and by virtue of § 21 of Act 917, the Government has designated SGS as the External Service Provider to collect advance eco-levy on behalf of the Republic of Ghana and to carry out physical inspection and verification at the country of export of any used electrical and electronic products and tyres.

As from October 1, 2018, date announced by H.E the President of Ghana as commencement date for the Renovo™ program, the Government of Ghana, acting through the Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology & Innovation (MESTI) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are leading a sustained information and sensitization campaign, in order to accelerate the awareness of stakeholders within and outside Ghana. SGS is to formally accept orders and to process the corresponding certificates as from November 1, 2018.

MESTI and EPA will liaise with and involve the relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies to guarantee that incoming shipments of products under the SGS Renovo™ program, as listed in the 5th Schedule of Act 917 (see Annex to the notice) shall not be cleared from customs without an electronic environmental declaration form approval/clearance certificate.

SGS will, through its affiliates throughout the world, carry out physical inspection and verification at the country of export of any used electrical and electronic products. In addition, SGS will collect the advance eco-levy on all electrical and electronic equipment and tyres exported to Ghana, based on the “polluter pays principle” and the “extended producer responsibility”, in respect of items specified in the 5th Schedule of Act 917 and in accordance with the defined prevailing rates per the various items (see Annex to the notice).

The registration of products, payment of the eco-levy and receipt of certificates are to be done on the SGS Exporter Portal platform at the link below, as from November 1, 2018: <https://exporter-portal.sgs.com>. SGS and EPA designated offices will assist exporters with any challenge with the exporter portal to ensure a smooth implementation of the program.

After submitting their request, exporters will receive an eco-levy assessment giving the details of the transaction, the eco-levy amount and the bank account details where to transfer the amount. Attached to the present Notice is a User Guide Manual on how to use the SGS Exporter Portal, so that exporters can easily register and submit their orders as of November 1, 2018.

From November 1, 2018, all electrical and electronic equipment and tires exported to Ghana will have to be registered on the SGS Exporter Portal to enable exporters to create e-environmental



declaration form listing the goods to be supplied under a specific consignment as well as to proceed with the payment of the advance eco-levy.

The importers of EEE to the Republic of Ghana are responsible to inform their supplier/exporter of the mandatory nature of the program and of the requirement to register on the SGS Exporter Portal.

No consignment shall be cleared from customs without an electronic environmental declaration form approval/clearance certificate.

Prior to the start of the program, information sessions will continue to be performed for the economic operators to ensure ownership of the process.

For more information, please contact renovo@sgs.com and info@epa.gov.gh

Exemplification:

Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology & Innovation (MESTI)
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA)
Ghana Community Network Services Limited (GCNet)

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE,
TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

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Annex to the notice to importers of electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) and tyres to the Republic of Ghana

List of items for which eco-levy is applicable, according to the 5th Schedule of the Act 917:

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