

RECUPEL CONTRIBUTION ON ELECTRO-APPLIANCES

1. Transition from 10 to 6 categories

The appliance lists group the electrical and electronic appliances that are subject to Recupel contributions. From 01/01/2022, these appliances will no longer be classified in 10 but 6 main categories, based on the categories in the European Directive 2012/19/EU.

These 6 main categories represent an open scope, which means that all electrical and electronic appliances should be declared unless stated otherwise in this appliance list (see Point 1.2).

1.1 Open scope

These six new main categories are explained below. The criteria of the new categories are based on the **nature** (temperature exchange equipment, equipment with a screen, lamps, small and large electrical and electronic equipment, and ICT equipment) and the **dimensions (larger/smaller than 50 cm)** of the appliances.

Category	Definition
1 Temperature exchange equipment	This includes electrical and electronic equipment ("EEE") used for cooling and/or heating and/or dehumidifying (using substances other than water, e.g., gas, oil, a coolant or a secondary fluid).
2 Screens, monitors, and equipment with screens having a surface area exceeding 100 cm ²	Screens and monitors are EEE intended to provide images and information on an electronic display such as cathode ray tubes (CRT), LCD screens (LCD), light-emitting diode (LED) displays, or other types of electronic displays.
3 Lamps	Objects that, when used in combination with an appliance, can illuminate, decontaminate, or project an object or the surroundings, and which use electrical energy to produce (in)visible light through gas discharge or the use of one or more light-emitting diodes .
4 Large equipment (with at least one external dimension exceeding 50 cm)	EEE not classified under categories 1, 2, or 3 and of which at least one of the external dimensions exceeds 50 cm.
5 Small equipment (without external dimensions exceeding 50 cm)	EEE not classified under categories 1, 2, 3, 4, or 6 and which has no external dimensions exceeding 50 cm.
6 Small IT and telecommunication equipment (with no external dimensions exceeding 50 cm)	EEE not classified under categories 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 and that has no external dimension exceeding 50 cm. IT equipment is equipment that can be used for the collection, transmission, processing, storing, and presentation of information. Telecommunications equipment is equipment designed to transmit voice, video, and data signals electronically over a specified distance.

1.2 Exceptions

Although the "open scope" applies from 01/01/2022, some electrical and electronic appliances are excluded from this scope, and these exceptions must be taken into account. These may be exceptions included in the European Directive 2012/19/EU or listed explicitly per subcategory.

The European Directive does NOT apply to the following equipment:

- Equipment required for the protection of the essential interests of the security of Member States (incl. weapons, munition, and war material intended for specific military purposes);
- Equipment specifically designed and installed as part of other equipment that is excluded from or does not fall within the scope of this Directive and that can fulfil its function only if it is part of that equipment;
- Filament bulbs;
- Equipment designed to be sent into space;
- Large-scale, stationary industrial tools: A large size assembly of machines, equipment, and/or components functioning together for a specific application, permanently installed and de-installed by professionals at a given place, and used and maintained by professionals in an industrial manufacturing facility or a research and development facility;
- Large, fixed installations, except any equipment not specifically designed and installed as part of those installations: A large-size combination of several types of equipment and, where applicable, other devices which (i) are assembled, installed, and de-installed by professionals, (ii) are intended to be used permanently as part of a building or structure in a pre-defined and dedicated location, and (iii) can only be replaced by the same, specifically designed equipment;
- Means of transport for persons or goods, excluding electric two-wheel vehicles which are not type-approved;
- Non-road mobile machinery made available exclusively for professional use;
- Equipment specifically designed solely for the purposes of research and development that is only made available on a business-to-business basis;
- Medical devices and in-vitro diagnostic medical devices where such devices are expected to be infective prior to end of life, and active implantable medical devices.

1.3 Notes

- Definition of finished products vs components:
 - Electrical and electronic equipment is always a finished product (i.e. a product that (i) has a direct function and (ii) is intended for an end-user), and is not just a component (i.e., an unfinished product that has no direct function for an end-user, is not intended for an end-user, or is intended for further processing by a manufacturer into a finished product). Appliances that fall under the open scope must qualify as finished products as described here to be eligible for the Recupel contribution.
- The Recupel contribution on equipment that falls under the open scope also covers the costs of the gas discharge lamps and LED lamps that may be integrated into this equipment.
- Electrical or electronic equipment integrated into caravans and camper vans of more than 3.5 tonnes are subject to Recupel contributions in accordance with the appliance list.

1.4 Appliances sold together and/or packages

- Accessories such as earphones, remote controls, computer mice, computer keyboards, accessories for video games/game consoles, docking stations, portable electrical and electronic accessories for cameras, battery chargers, cables, plugs, power adapters, various equipment that can only be used in combination with telecommunication devices (Bluetooth headsets/hands-free kits/earphones with microphones), and small electrical installation material (see Cat. 5.14) are devices that only need to be declared if sold separately.
- For gas discharge lamps and LED lamps luminaires, a Recupel contribution needs to be applied on both the luminaires and the enclosed gas discharge lamp(s) and LED lamp(s).
- When appliances other than those listed above are sold together under one article reference or in one package, they must all be declared separately (if they can operate independently of each other).
For example: In the case of a security set (consisting of a monitor, surveillance recorder, several security cameras, and cables), all appliances must be declared separately, except for the cables (as these only need to be declared if sold separately). On the other hand, a home theatre set of which the loudspeakers cannot operate independently of each other must be declared as a single item.

2. Household vs professional

Furthermore, the categories have been divided into 'household' and 'professional'. The household or professional nature of the appliance is determined on the basis of the appliances intended use. Appliances that can be used for both household and professional purposes are considered household appliances. Appliances that are **exclusively** intended for professional use are considered professional appliances.

Note: A product is considered to be household unless it can be proven to be of a professional nature.

To be able to distinguish between household and professional equipment, the appliance list already explicitly mentions definitions, examples, and exceptions. The definitions, examples, and exceptions explicitly stated in the appliance list must be consulted before the steps below have to be followed.

If the definitions, examples, and exceptions explicitly stated in the appliance list do not provide sufficient clarity to determine whether an appliance is household or professional, the appliance's intended use can be determined by following the steps below. It is important to follow the order of the steps. If you get the answer after the first step, you do not need to proceed to the next steps.