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General customer information on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment in Germany

The German Act on Electrical and Electronic Equipment (“Gesetz über das Inverkehrbringen, die Rücknahme und die umweltverträgliche Entsorgung von Elektro- und Elektronikgeräten”, in short “ElektroG”) sets out the requirements for product responsibility for electrical and electronic equipment and is the German implementation on on the EU Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive (WEEE Directive). It aims primarily to prevent waste from electrical and electronic equipment and, in addition, to prepare for re-use, recycling and other forms of recovery of such waste in order to reduce the amount of waste to be disposed of and thereby improve the efficiency of resource use.

Information requirements on disposal of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment


According to ElektroG, SICK is obliged to inform its customers on the following responsibilities:

1. According to § 10 (1) of the ElektroG, Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment must be disposed of **separately from unsorted municipal waste**. The separate collection of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment includes the non-destructive removal of spent batteries and accumulators that are not enclosed in the old devices, as well as lamps that can be removed non-destructively from the old devices.
2. **Personal data**, if present on the Electrical and Electronic Equipment, must be **deleted** from the old devices to be disposed of on the **user’s own responsibility**.
3. The symbol of the crossed-out dustbin, which you will find on our products (see picture on the right), also indicates the above-mentioned obligations and implies, that our products are subject to the ElektroG.
4. **Disposal of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment:** The responsible use of resources is important to SICK. Electrical and electronic equipment from SICK is generally recyclable material that **is reimbursed by a disposal company**. We recommend continuing handing over the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment directly to a certified specialist disposal company. In this way, we jointly avoid additional transport, effort, and emissions. In addition, we contribute hand in hand to environmental protection through resource-saving waste management. Alternatively, in accordance with § 19 of the German Act on Electrical and Electronic Equipment, Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment by SICK that accumulates at commercial end users can be sent back to SICK at the customer’s request. SICK will have the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment disposed of professionally. Please get in touch with your contact person directly.



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