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# Import restrictions on used electric and electronic equipment

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# Introduction

**This guidance is for exporters of used electric and electronic equipment (used EEE). The guidance gives you an overview of countries with import restrictions on used EEE. An import restriction means that you should not export used EEE to this country. In some countries it is forbidden to import used EEE. In other countries the used EEE must fulfill various technical criteria in order to be legal to import.**

Please be aware that the list of countries in this guidance is not necessarily complete and that the rules in the listed countries can change. Other countries may have import restrictions on used EEE. You should always check with the receivers of your used EEE that it is legal to import to their country.

The Danish authorities cannot stop an export of used EEE to a country with import restrictions, but they can warn the authorities in the receiving country that a shipment that might be illegal to import is on its way.

Furthermore, please be aware of the Danish Environmental Protection Agency's [general](#)

[guidance on exports of used EEE](#). In this guide you can find a general description of the rules on shipments of used EEE. These rules concern packaging, test of functionality and documentation etc.

Countries with import restrictions on used EEE have these restrictions for a reason. They want to stop illegal shipments of waste disguised as used EEE. Waste from electric and electronic equipment (WEEE) contains hazardous substances that can be harmful to humans and to the environment. Therefore, WEEE must only be treated at specialized waste treatment facilities.

# 1. Bangladesh



IS THERE AN IMPORT RESTRICTION ON USED EEE?		YES
Link to relevant regulation	<a href="#">Import Policy order 2012-2015, and The Ministry of Commerce Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.</a>	
Restriction Method	Import is banned	
Types of used EEE affected	Air Conditioner	-
	Cell Phone	X
	Copier	X
	CRT TV	X
	LCD TV	X
	Microwave Oven	-
	PC	X
	Printed Circuit Board	X
	Refrigerator	-
	Washing Machine	-
	Others	X (Please refer to the regulation)
Detail	<p>In the above mentioned act under the prohibited list it is stated: "The following goods shall not be importable: (...)</p> <p>(4) Unless otherwise specified in this order, goods of secondary or sub-standard quality or below standard or old, used, reconditioned goods or factory rejects and goods of job-lot/stock-lot;</p> <p>(5) Reconditioned office equipment, photocopier, type-writer machine, telex, phone, and fax, old computer, old computer accessories, old electronic items (...)"</p> <p>Though, some of the items are not mentioned directly in the act, no. 4 and 5 gives reason to presume that all used items are banned, because there is no exception for the items in the act.</p>	
Legend	<p>X = The used EEE specified is subject to the ban.                      – = The used EEE specified is NOT subject to the ban.</p>	

## 2. Brunei Darussalam



IS THERE AN IMPORT RESTRICTION ON USED EEE?		NO
Link to relevant regulation	–	
Restriction Method	–	
Types of used EEE affected	Air Conditioner	–
	Cell Phone	–
	Copier	–
	CRT TV	–
	LCD TV	–
	Microwave Oven	–
	PC	–
	Printed Circuit Board	–
	Refrigerator	–
	Washing Machine	–
Others	–	
Detail	–	
Legend	X = The used EEE specified is subject to restrictions. – = The used EEE specified is NOT subject to restrictions.	

### 3. Cambodia



IS THERE AN IMPORT RESTRICTION ON USED EEE?		NO
Link to relevant regulation	–	
Restriction Method	–	
Types of used EEE affected	Air Conditioner	–
	Cell Phone	–
	Copier	–
	CRT TV	–
	LCD TV	–
	Microwave Oven	–
	PC	–
	Printed Circuit Board	–
	Refrigerator	–
	Washing Machine	–
Others	–	
Detail	–	
Legend	X = The used EEE specified is subject to restrictions. – = The used EEE specified is NOT subject to restrictions.	



## 4. China



IS THERE AN IMPORT RESTRICTION ON USED EEE?		YES
Link to relevant regulation	<a href="#">Announcement 11, 2008, "Catalogue of Solid Waste Forbidden to import in China".</a>	
Restriction Method	Import is banned	
Types of used EEE affected	Air Conditioner	X
	Cell Phone	X
	Copier	X
	CRT TV	X
	LCD TV	X
	Microwave Oven	X
	PC	X
	Printed Circuit Board	X
	Refrigerator	X
	Washing Machine	X
	Others	X (Please refer to the regulation)
Detail	Used EEE which have lost the original value in use shall be managed in accordance with Forbidden Import Solid Waste in China.	
Legend	X = The used EEE specified is subject to the ban. – = The used EEE specified is NOT subject to the ban.	

# 5. Egypt



IS THERE AN IMPORT RESTRICTION ON USED EEE?		YES
Link to relevant regulation	Decree No 770 of 2005 art. 7(1) cf. Annex 2, 3 and 8(55)(63) and Telecommunication Regulation Law No. 10 of 2003 art. 44(1).	
Restriction Method	Quality control and ban on some types of used EEE	
Types of used EEE affected	Air Conditioner	X (Control)
	Cell Phone	X (Ban)
	Copier	–
	CRT TV	X (Control)
	LCD TV	X (Control)
	Microwave Oven	X (Control)
	PC	X (Control/ban)
	Printed Circuit Board	X (Control)
	Refrigerator	X (Control)
	Washing Machine	X (Control)
	Others	X (Please refer to the regulation)
Detail	Imported goods that are subject to quality control shall meet the requirements in Art. 102 in The Executive Regulation To Implement Import and Export Law no. 118/1975 as well as Inspection and Control Procedures of Imported and Exported Goods. Computer sets and their accessories shall not have production dates exceeding 10 years.	
Legend	X = The used EEE specified is subject to control/ban. – = The used EEE specified is NOT subject to control/ban.	

## 6. Ghana



IS THERE AN IMPORT RESTRICTION ON USED EEE?		YES
Link to relevant regulation	<a href="#">Energy Efficiency Regulation, 2008 (LI 1932), cf. Ministry's letter of 16th March 2012.</a>	
Restriction Method	Import is banned	
Types of used EEE affected	Air Conditioner	X
	Cell Phone	–
	Copier	–
	CRT TV	–
	LCD TV	–
	Microwave Oven	–
	PC	–
	Printed Circuit Board	–
	Refrigerator	X
	Washing Machine	–
	Others	X (Please refer to the regulation)
Detail	–	
Legend	X = The used EEE specified is subject to the ban. – = The used EEE specified is NOT subject to the ban.	

# 7. Hong Kong SAR



IS THERE AN IMPORT RESTRICTION ON USED EEE?		YES
Link to relevant regulation	<a href="#">Waste Disposal Ordinance (WDO), Chapter 354 and Advice on Import and Export of Used Electrical and Electronic Appliances having Hazardous Components or Constituents.</a>	
Restriction Method	A permit is needed for import	
Types of used EEE affected	Air Conditioner	X
	Cell Phone	X
	Copier	X
	CRT TV	X
	LCD TV	X
	Flat Panel Display (for PC, Laptop, TV or other devices)	X
	Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS)	X
	Microwave Oven	X
	PC	X
	Printed Circuit Board	X
	Refrigerator	X
	Washing Machine	X
Others	X (Please refer to the regulation)	
Detail	<p>Used or second-hand electrical or electronic equipment should be presumed waste in the first place unless they meet the requirements set out in the guideline "Advice on Import and Export of Used Electrical and Electronic Appliances having Hazardous Components or Constituents".</p> <p>Any person who imports or exports the above controlled waste should obtain a permit from the Environmental Protection Department ("EPD") in advance.</p> <p>EPD will not issue permits for the import of controlled waste from any country listed in the Ninth Schedule of the WDO, i.e. countries listed in the Basel Ban Amendment.</p> <p>Used electrical and electronic appliances having hazardous components or constituents (e.g. CRT, batteries) is likely to be regarded as waste and fall within the said control.</p> <p>For details, please refer to the following links:            (1) <a href="#">the control of import and export of waste and</a>            (2) <a href="#">Advice on Import and Export of Used Electrical and Electronic Appliances having Hazardous Components or Constituents.</a></p>	
Legend	X = The used EEE specified needs a permit for import. – = The used EEE specified does NOT need a permit for import.	

## 8. India



IS THERE AN IMPORT RESTRICTION ON USED EEE?		YES
Link to relevant regulation	<a href="#">Foreign Trade Policy ("FTP")</a> .	
Restriction Method	A permit is needed for import	
Types of used EEE affected	Air Conditioner	X
	Cell Phone	X
	Copier	X
	CRT TV	X
	LCD TV	X
	Microwave Oven	X
	PC	X
	Printed Circuit Board	X
	Refrigerator	X
	Washing Machine	X
	Others	X (Please refer to the regulation)
Detail	<p>Air Conditioner, Copier, PC and Printed Circuit Board are allowed to be imported only as per provisions of FTP, Indian Trade Classification (Harmonised System), Handbook of Procedures vol. 1, Public Notice or an Authorization issued for import of the specified second-hand item.</p> <p>Other second-hand categories may be imported only in accordance with an authorization/permission/license or in accordance to the procedure prescribed in a notification/public notice issued in this regard.</p>	
Legend	<p>X = The used EEE specified needs a permit for import.                      – = The used EEE specified does NOT need a permit for import.</p>	

## 9. Indonesia



IS THERE AN IMPORT RESTRICTION ON USED EEE?		YES
Link to relevant regulation	Ministry of Industry and Trade Decrees No. 756/MPP/Kep/12/2003, No. 610/MPP/Kep/10/2004, and No. 39/M-DAG/PER/12/2005.	
Restriction Method	Quality control and ban on some types of used EEE	
Types of used EEE affected	Air Conditioner	X (Ban)
	Cell Phone	X (Ban)
	Copier	X (Control)
	CRT TV	X (Ban)
	LCD TV	X (Control)
	Microwave Oven	X (Ban)
	PC	X (Control)
	Printed Circuit Board	X (Control)
	Refrigerator	X (Ban)
	Washing Machine	X (Ban)
	Others	X (Please refer to the regulation)
Detail	<p>Ministry of Trade Decree No. 39/M-DAG/PER/12/2005 states that second-hand machinery and equipment importers must be the company that directly uses second-hands for the manufacturing, or non-manufacturing and other purposes or the company that handles repair or refurbishment.</p> <p>Pre-Shipment Inspection ("PSI") is compulsory and the designated inspector is PT Surveyor Indonesia and PT Sucofindo.</p>	
Legend	<p>X = The used EEE specified is subject to control/ban.                      – = The used EEE specified is NOT subject to control/ban.</p>	

# 10. Japan



IS THERE AN IMPORT RESTRICTION ON USED EEE?		NO
Link to relevant regulation	–	
Restriction Method	–	
Types of used EEE affected	Air Conditioner	–
	Cell Phone	–
	Copier	–
	CRT TV	–
	LCD TV	–
	Microwave Oven	–
	PC	–
	Printed Circuit Board	–
	Refrigerator	–
	Washing Machine	–
Others	–	
Detail	–	
Legend	X = The used EEE specified is subject to restrictions. – = The used EEE specified is NOT subject to restrictions.	

# 11. Kenya



IS THERE AN IMPORT RESTRICTION ON USED EEE?		NOT YET
Link to relevant regulation	Direct link: <a href="#">The E-waste Regulation Act.</a>	
Restriction Method	Permission / Control by Department of Environmental Affairs (“DEA”)	
Types of used EEE affected	Air Conditioner	–
	Cell Phone	–
	Copier	–
	CRT TV	–
	LCD TV	–
	Microwave Oven	–
	PC	–
	Printed Circuit Board	–
	Refrigerator	–
	Washing Machine	–
Others	–	
Detail	The regulation on import permission, control and ban is not yet in effect, however, all of the above mentioned items will be regulated by the above-mentioned, when and if it will be gazetted.	
Legend	X = The used EEE specified is subject to restrictions. – = The used EEE specified is NOT subject to restrictions.	



# 12. Lebanon



IS THERE AN IMPORT RESTRICTION ON USED EEE?		NO
Link to relevant regulation	–	
Restriction Method	–	
Types of used EEE affected	Air Conditioner	–
	Cell Phone	–
	Copier	–
	CRT TV	–
	LCD TV	–
	Microwave Oven	–
	PC	–
	Printed Circuit Board	–
	Refrigerator	–
	Washing Machine	–
Others	–	
Detail	–	
Legend	X = The used EEE specified is subject to restrictions. – = The used EEE specified is NOT subject to restrictions.	

# 13. Malaysia



IS THERE AN IMPORT RESTRICTION ON USED EEE?		NO
Link to relevant regulation	–	
Restriction Method	–	
Types of used EEE affected	Air Conditioner	–
	Cell Phone	–
	Copier	–
	CRT TV	–
	LCD TV	–
	Microwave Oven	–
	PC	–
	Printed Circuit Board	–
	Refrigerator	–
	Washing Machine	–
Others	–	
Detail	–	
Legend	X = The used EEE specified is subject to restrictions. – = The used EEE specified is NOT subject to restrictions.	

# 14. Nepal



IS THERE AN IMPORT RESTRICTION ON USED EEE?		NO
Link to relevant regulation	–	
Restriction Method	–	
Types of used EEE affected	Air Conditioner	–
	Cell Phone	–
	Copier	–
	CRT TV	–
	LCD TV	–
	Microwave Oven	–
	PC	–
	Printed Circuit Board	–
	Refrigerator	–
	Washing Machine	–
Others	–	
Detail	–	
Legend	X = The used EEE specified is subject to restrictions. – = The used EEE specified is NOT subject to restrictions.	

# 15. Nigeria



IS THERE AN IMPORT RESTRICTION ON USED EEE?		YES
Link to relevant regulation	<a href="#">Environmental (Electrical/Electronic Sector) Regulations, 2010. S. I. No 23 and Guide for Importers of Used Electrical and Electronic Equipment into Nigeria.</a>	
Restriction Method	A permit is needed for import	
Types of used EEE affected	Air Conditioner	X
	Cell Phone	X
	Copier	X
	CRT TV	X
	LCD TV	X
	Microwave Oven	X
	PC	X
	Printed Circuit Board	X
	Refrigerator	X
	Washing Machine	X
	Others	X (Please refer to the regulation)
Detail	All importers importing used EEE into Nigeria shall provide documentation and information as described in the abovementioned guide for Importers of Used Electrical and Electronic Equipment.	
Legend	X = The used EEE specified needs a permit for import. – = The used EEE specified does NOT need a permit for import.	

# 16. Pakistan



IS THERE AN IMPORT RESTRICTION ON USED EEE?		YES
Link to relevant regulation	<a href="#">Trade Policy of the Government.</a>	
Restriction Method	A permit is needed for import	
Types of used EEE affected	Air Conditioner	X
	Cell Phone	X
	Copier	–
	CRT TV	–
	LCD TV	X
	Microwave Oven	X
	PC	–
	Printed Circuit Board	X
	Refrigerator	X
	Washing Machine	X
	Others	X (Please refer to the regulation)
Detail	–	
Legend	X = The used EEE specified needs a permit for import. – = The used EEE specified does NOT need a permit for import.	

# 17. The Philippines



IS THERE AN IMPORT RESTRICTION ON USED EEE?		YES
Link to relevant regulation	<p>Republic Act 6969 "An act to Control Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes".</p> <p>DAO No. 28 Series of 1994 "Interim Guideline for the Importation of Recyclable Materials containing Hazardous Substances.</p>	
Restriction Method	A permit is needed for import	
Types of used EEE affected	Air Conditioner	X
	Cell Phone	X
	Copier	X
	CRT TV	X
	LCD TV	X
	Microwave Oven	X
	PC	X
	Printed Circuit Board	X
	Refrigerator	X
	Washing Machine	X
	Others	X (Please refer to the regulation)
Detail	<p>DAO No. 28 Series 1994 allows recyclable materials containing hazardous substances to be imported under limiting conditions upon obtaining permit from the Department of Environmental &amp; Natural Resources (DENR).</p> <p>Recyclable material is any material which is reused following its original use. Residuals of recycled material which contain hazardous substance without any acceptable methods of disposal in the Philippines must be shipped back. Applicable for "a. All electronic assemblies containing printed circuit boards, b. Electronic components containing hazardous substances as TVs, VCR, stereo etc."</p> <p>All importers of recyclable materials containing hazardous substances listed in Annex A must first register with DENR and obtain Importation Clearance for each shipment.</p>	
Legend	<p>X = The used EEE specified needs a permit for import.</p> <p>– = The used EEE specified does NOT need a permit for import.</p>	

# 18. Republic of South Korea



IS THERE AN IMPORT RESTRICTION ON USED EEE?		NO
Link to relevant regulation	–	
Restriction Method	–	
Types of used EEE affected	Air Conditioner	–
	Cell Phone	–
	Copier	–
	CRT TV	–
	LCD TV	–
	Microwave Oven	–
	PC	–
	Printed Circuit Board	–
	Refrigerator	–
	Washing Machine	–
Others	–	
Detail	–	
Legend	X = The used EEE specified is subject to restrictions. – = The used EEE specified is NOT subject to restrictions.	

# 19. Singapore



IS THERE AN IMPORT RESTRICTION ON USED EEE?		YES
Link to relevant regulation	–	
Restriction Method	Import of second-hand electronic goods for the purposes of reuse/resale, repair/refurbishment, or recycling is subject to different control requirements. Please refer to <a href="#">circular</a> for further details.	
Types of used EEE affected	Air Conditioner	–
	Cell Phone	–
	Copier	–
	CRT TV	–
	LCD TV	–
	Microwave Oven	–
	PC	–
	Printed Circuit Board	–
	Refrigerator	–
	Washing Machine	–
	Others	–
Detail	–	
Legend	X = The used EEE specified is subject to restrictions. – = The used EEE specified is NOT subject to restrictions.	



# 20. South Africa



IS THERE AN IMPORT RESTRICTION ON USED EEE?		YES
Link to relevant regulation	The International Trade Administration (ITAC) Act 71 of 2002, Import Control, No. R. 91, 2012 and Import Control No. R 292, 2013. For guidelines and further information, follow the link to the <a href="#">ITAC website</a> .	
Restriction Method	A permit is needed for import	
Types of used EEE affected	Air Conditioner	X
	Cell Phone	X
	Copier	X
	CRT TV	X
	LCD TV	X
	Microwave Oven	X
	PC	X
	Printed Circuit Board	X
	Refrigerator	X
	Washing Machine	X
	Others	X (Please refer to the regulation)
Detail	Import requires permission from ITAC and Letter of Authority from the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications ("NRCS").	
Legend	X = The used EEE specified needs a permit for import. – = The used EEE specified does NOT need a permit for import.	

# 21. Tanzania



IS THERE AN IMPORT RESTRICTION ON USED EEE?		NO
Link to relevant regulation	–	
Restriction Method	–	
Types of used EEE affected	Air Conditioner	–
	Cell Phone	–
	Copier	–
	CRT TV	–
	LCD TV	–
	Microwave Oven	–
	PC	–
	Printed Circuit Board	–
	Refrigerator	–
	Washing Machine	–
Others	–	
Detail	–	
Legend	X = The used EEE specified is subject to restrictions. – = The used EEE specified is NOT subject to restrictions.	

# 22. Thailand



IS THERE AN IMPORT RESTRICTION ON USED EEE?		YES
Link to relevant regulation	<a href="#">Notification of Department of Industrial Works Re: Criterion for Import of Used Electrical and Electronics Equipment Considered as Hazardous Substances into the Kingdom of Thailand (3rd Edition) B.E. 2550.</a>	
Restriction Method	A permit is needed for import	
Types of used EEE affected	Air Conditioner	X
	Cell Phone	X
	Copier	X
	CRT TV	X
	LCD TV	X
	Microwave Oven	X
	PC	X
	Printed Circuit Board (Considered as E-waste)	X
	Refrigerator	X (CFC gasses are controlled)
	Washing Machine	X
Others	X (Please refer to the regulation)	
Detail	<p>For retail or reuse, equipment shall be in the original conditions as being manufactured, and in use less than 3 years from the manufacturing date, except for a copy that shall be in use less than 5 years.</p> <p>For recycling, equipment must be economically worthwhile. The imported amount must be corresponding with the capacity of facility, and must be imported from the Basel Convention countries.</p>	
Legend	<p>X = The used EEE specified needs a permit for import.                      – = The used EEE specified does NOT need a permit for import.</p>	

## 23. Uganda



IS THERE AN IMPORT RESTRICTION ON USED EEE?		YES
Link to relevant regulation	The Finance (Amendment) Act, 2010, <u>Act 22 (3) (a) (1a)</u> , cf. <u>The Finance Act 2009</u> .	
Restriction Method	Import is banned	
Types of used EEE affected	Air Conditioner	–
	Cell Phone	–
	Copier	–
	CRT TV	X
	LCD TV	X
	Microwave Oven	–
	PC	X
	Printed Circuit Board	–
	Refrigerator	X
	Washing Machine	–
	Others	X (Please refer to the regulation)
Detail	–	
Legend	X = The used EEE specified is subject to the ban. – = The used EEE specified is NOT subject to the ban.	

# 24. Vietnam



IS THERE AN IMPORT RESTRICTION ON USED EEE?		YES
Link to relevant regulation	Decree No. 187/2013, 20 November 2013, art. 5(1) cf. Annex 1(II)(3) and Circular No. 04/2014/TT-BCT.	
Restriction Method	Import is banned	
Types of used EEE affected	Air Conditioner	X
	Cell Phone	X
	Copier	X
	CRT TV	X
	LCD TV	X
	Microwave Oven	X
	PC	X
	Printed Circuit Board	X
	Refrigerator	X
	Washing Machine	X
Others	X	
Detail	–	
Legend	X = The used EEE specified is subject to the ban. – = The used EEE specified is NOT subject to the ban.	



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