

California Environmental Protection Agency Announces Stakeholder Meeting to Discuss Additions to Devices Covered by the California Electronic Waste Recycling Act

California's Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003 ("the Act"), originally enacted as Senate Bill 20 ("SB 20") and recently amended by Senate Bill 50 ("SB 50"), establishes a series of requirements for manufacturers and retailers of "covered electronic devices," which include video display devices with screens larger than four inches (measured diagonally).

Our initial *e-Waste Recycling Bulletins* summarized key provisions of the Act, the duties of manufacturers and retailers, the possibility of private enforcement actions under California's Unfair Competition Law, and the incorporation of European Union legislation in the Act. With this *Update*, we continue a series of updates to the requirements and implementation of the Act, which will issue as events warrant.

▶ April 8th Workshop to Discuss Additions to the List of Covered Electronic Devices

The California Environmental Protection Agency ("CAL/EPA") has announced a focused stakeholder meeting for Friday, April 8, 2005, beginning 8:30 a.m., at the Cal/EPA Headquarters Building, Sierra Hearing Room, 1001 I Street, in Sacramento. A portion of the meeting will focus on identifying the next set of electronic devices to be considered for addition to the list of covered electronic devices at California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Chapter 11, Appendix X, subsection (c).

To provide for the identification of covered electronic devices, SB 50 requires the Department of Toxic Substance Control ("DTSC") to identify electronic devices that are presumed to be hazardous waste when discarded, in addition to those devices currently listed in Appendix X, subsection (c). At the April 8th workshop, DTSC proposes to discuss the next steps in determining which electronic devices should be considered for addition. DTSC will seek specific input on which devices should be evaluated next and what

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criteria should dictate priority for evaluation (for example, whether considered devices are similar to devices currently covered, relative percentage of waste streams, etc.).

Covered electronic device manufacturers and manufacturers of devices that could be considered for addition to the list should consider participating in this identification process. More information and a meeting agenda can be found at: www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Electronics/Act2003/Workshops/. A webcast is planned, accessible through this website address.

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