

## Our answers to the 10 most important questions of Marketplace sellers

1. I have to enter my WEEE-Reg.-Nr. (or EPR Number) at a Marketplace. What is the „registration number“?

Only those producers of electrical and electronic equipment registered with stiftung ear can enter a valid eight-digit WEEE-Reg.Nr. A registration is granted to a producer or an authorised representative for a represented producer per brand and type of equipment. A producer/authorised representative has only one registration number, but eventually – depending on what products he places on the market in Germany for the first time – several registrations with different brands and/or types of equipment. Registration is not granted for single products, product types, -series or line of products but always for a type of equipment. How you choose the right type of equipment can be seen in our [How-to Video](#).

2. How can I find out if the electrical equipment I offer is already registered?

On the Internet presence of stiftung ear you can check in the public [Verzeichnis der registrierten Hersteller und registrierten Bevollmächtigten nach dem ElektroG](#) if the electrical equipment offered is already registered.

3. Do I, respectively my company need a registration number?

ElektroG says, that those who are seen as producers and put electrical and electronic equipment on the market in Germany for the first time have to register at stiftung ear before. Attention: The term „producer“ is wider than normally understood by the word. Not only those who assemble the equipment are obligated. You have to find out on your own if the law sees you as a producer. For this purpose, we offer you various assistance:

- How-to Video: <https://www.stiftung-ear.de/en/service/learn/how-to-videos#c1526>
- Explanations on the definition of the term producer on our website: <https://www.stiftung-ear.de/en/topics/elektrog/producers-ar/registration/possible-obligated-parties>
- Explanations on registration: <https://www.stiftung-ear.de/en/topics/elektrog/producers-ar/registration>

4. What do I have to do to get a registration number (EPR Number)?

Registration is only possible online via the ear-portal. After the registration application has been checked you either get a message or the registration order with the registration number (EPR Number) will be send to the E-Mail Address of the nominated main contact. Attention: A registration can only be granted if the registration application contains valid details on the brand, a type of equipment has been chosen and a complete application has been sent.

You want to know how a complete application is sent?

- Explanations on the registration application on our website: <https://www.stiftung-ear.de/en/topics/elektrog/producers-ar/registration/registration-procedure>

5. The Marketplace demands my registration number (EPR Number) although I get my electrical and electronic equipment from registered Companies. What should I do?

Inform the Marketplace about it and tell them the registration number of your supplier/s. Double reports and unnecessary registrations of Companies not obligated to register have to be absolutely avoided.

## 6. The Marketplace told me, my registration number is not valid although I am respectively my authorised representative is registered.

First of all, please check if your registration is for the right brand and type of equipment. If you for example only have a registration for the type of equipment Large equipment, that can be used in private households (Großgeräte, die in privaten Haushalten genutzt werden können) and also sell electrical equipment smaller than 50 cm you have to apply for another registration.

If you have a registration for one brand but also sell electrical equipment with other brands you eventually have to apply for a registration with another brand. However, the spelling of the brand or different type designations do not matter. It is also sufficient for proper registration if the registered brand is the „lowest common denominator“ (e.g. XXX instead of XXX Ltd.).

## 7. How do I as a distributor get a WEEE Number (EPR Number)?

### **Do you obtain all of your electrical equipment from a producer registered with stiftung ear?**

You do not need an own WEEE registration number then. You only have to sign on in the ear-portal as a supplier to hand in your annual amount report.

### **Do you obtain all of your or single electrical equipment from producers not registered with stiftung ear and which do not buy the electrical equipment from registered companies?**

Then you have to apply for an own WEEE-registration number as a producer for this equipment.

### **Do you obtain the electrical equipment from abroad and does the foreign company have no authorised representative?**

Then you have to apply for an own WEEE-registration number as a producer for this equipment or if your company is also from abroad you have to name an authorised representative.

You want to learn more about this topic?

- Explanations on the Term supplier on our website (in German): <https://www.stiftung-ear.de/de/themen/elektrog/vertreiber/wer-ist-vertreiber-und-welche-pflichten-gibt-es>
- Explanations on possible obligated parties who are equal to a producer: <https://www.stiftung-ear.de/en/topics/elektrog/producers-ar/registration/possible-obligated-parties>

## 8. I only sell used electrical equipment – do I have to register nevertheless?

### **Does the used electrical equipment originate from abroad and does your company sell these Products in Germany for the first time?**

Then you have to apply for an own WEEE-registration number as a producer for this equipment or if your company is also from abroad you have to name an authorised representative.

### **Does the used electrical equipment originate from Germany?**

You do not need an own WEEE-registration number if you do not place the equipment on the German market with your own brand and if your Company is located in Germany.

## 9. What are the costs for a registration according to ElektroG?

Stiftung ear charges fees according to the fee regulation on electrical and electronic equipment Act - batteries Act (ElektroBattGGebV) for the registration.

For registration of each producer for one brand and type of equipment fees according to fee-related matter number 1.1 ElektroBattGGebV (list of fees) accrue, regardless if they are b2b or b2c types of equipment. Additionally, there are fees for the examination of the insolvency save guarantee, if it is a b2c type of equipment.

When registering for a b2b type of equipment, fees according to number 1.7 ElektroBattGGebV (list of fees) for the examination of the prima facie evidence are added to the fees according to number 1.1 ElektroBattGGebV (list of fees).

Furthermore, there accrue quarterly fees according to number 1.2 ElektroBattGGebV (list of fees) for each started quarterly period and each valid registration number for every producer and in case of the registration of an authorised representative for each producer.

- You can find the currently valid fee regulation on electrical and electronic equipment Act - batteries Act (ElektroBattGGebV) including the list of fees (in German) under: <https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/elektroggebv/index.html>.

## 10. From when am I respectively my company is registered?

A producer is registered as soon as he is published in the public list of registered producers and authorised representatives ([Verzeichnis der registrierten Hersteller und registrierten Bevollmächtigten nach dem ElektroG](#), in German) with his WEEE registration number, the brand, the companies name, the category and the type of equipment. Due to the high volume of registration applications the procedure for examining and granting a registration is currently around eight weeks.

A producer is not registered if he only

- created an account as producer, but did not apply for registration,
- created an account as producer, but has not completed the displayed tasks,
- created an Account as distributor.

We offer a variety of assistance with the application process:

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- General explanation on registration: <https://www.stiftung-ear.de/en/topics/elektrog/producers-ar/registration>