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# Where is WEEE now?

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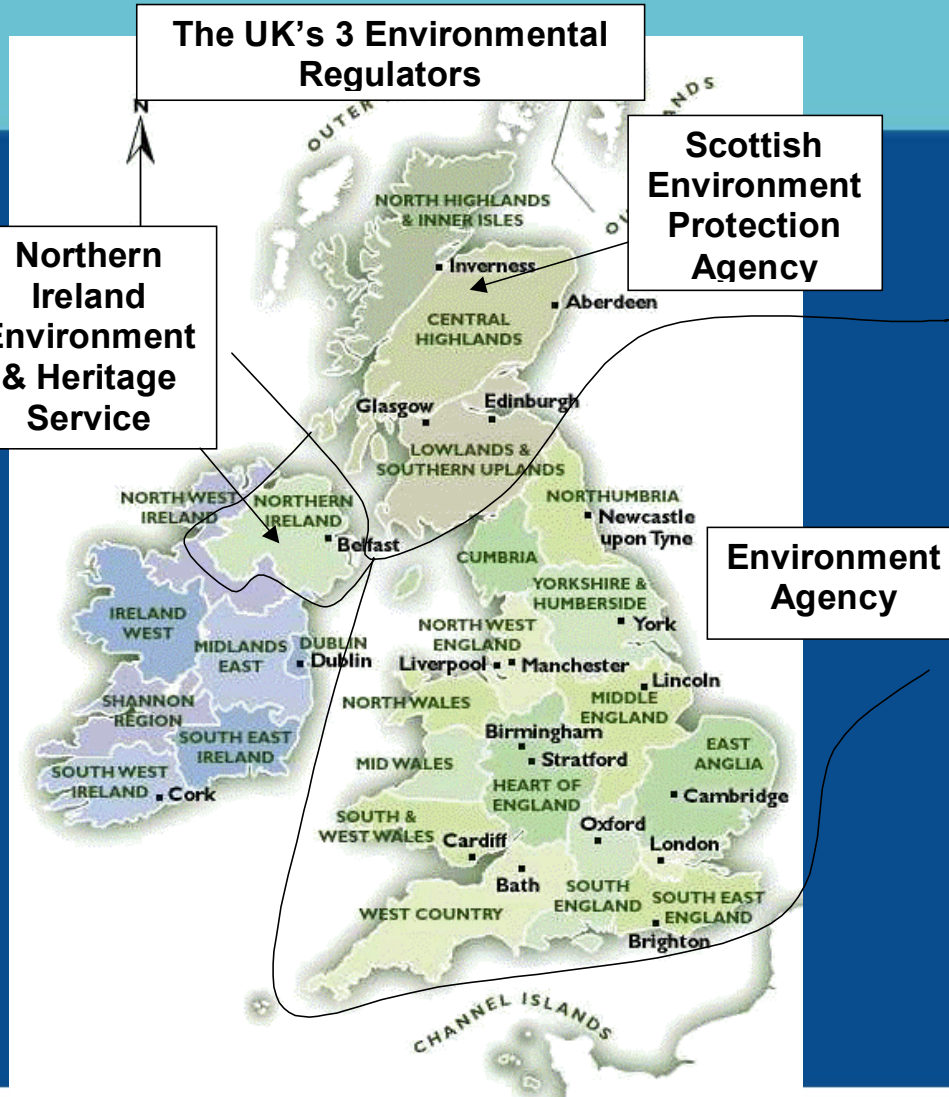
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**The UK's 3 Environmental  
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# The Environment Agency

- Principal Environmental Regulator in England & Wales
- Set up by 1995 Environment Act
- Non-Departmental Public Body
- 12,500 staff
- Annual budget of £1 billion
- One of the largest Environmental Regulators in Europe
- 7 English Regions and Wales
- Partner Regulators :
  - ⇒ NI Environment Heritage Service
  - ⇒ Scottish Environment Protection Agency



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## WEEE Implementation

- UK position
- Full implementation from 1 July 2007
- Business as usual?
- Contrast with some others
- Sweden – early traumas
- Germany – what we might have had
- Therefore no bad so far

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## WEEE Producers in UK

- 37 Compliance Schemes on 31 January
- As of 31 July 2007
- 3,131 producers (EA) + 276 in SEPA
- 1.47m tonnes household EEE in 2006
- 0.41m tonnes non-household
- All appropriate local authorities have DCFs
- Steady increase in PCS/LA contracts
- Most retailers in Distributor Take-back Scheme

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## Monitoring and Enforcement

- Telephone calls to likely producers
- To date 1,810 businesses contacted
- 857 were likely EEE producers
- More calls prior to second registration round
- Checks to see who still not registered
- Further detailed monitoring
- Enforcement action

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## Retailer Compliance

- Vehicle Certification Agency as regulator
- Appointed late but fast catch up
- Retailers need more training of staff with customer interface

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