



NOTICE TO IMPORTERS/EXPORTERS/MANUFACTURERS OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT (EEE) AND TYRES TO THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA

The Government of Ghana, acting through the Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology & Innovation (MESTI) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is implementing a country of origin inspection, verification and collection and receipt of advance eco levy on Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE) and tyres imported to the Republic of Ghana. The objective is to provide for the control, management and disposal of electrical and electronic waste and tyres in the Republic of Ghana.

Per section 21 of the Hazardous and Electronic Waste Control & Management Act, 2016 (Act 917), the Government of Ghana has designated Société Générale de Surveillance SA (SGS) as the External Service Provider to collect advance eco levy on behalf of the Republic of Ghana and to carry out physical inspection and verification at the country of export of any used electrical and electronic products and tyres for shipments effective 1st November 2018.

The Government of Ghana, acting through MESTI and EPA will ensure the confirmation by the Customs Division of the Ghana Revenue Authority of payment of applicable eco levy on all applicable products prior to the release of the products from the control of Customs. MESTI and EPA will liaise with and involve the relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies to guarantee that incoming shipments of products as listed in the 5th Schedule of Act 917 shall not be cleared from Customs without the corresponding eco-levy certificate.

SGS will, through its affiliates throughout the world, carry out physical inspection and verification at the country of export of any used EEE products and tyres. In addition, SGS will collect the advance eco levy on all EEE and tyres exported to Ghana, based on the “polluter pays principle” and the “extended producer responsibility”, in respect of items specified in the 5th Schedule of Act 917 and in accordance with the defined prevailing rates per the various items.

From the 1st of November 2018, all EEE and tyres exported to Ghana will have to be registered on the dedicated SGS Exporter Portal platform. The importers of EEE and tyres to the Republic of Ghana are responsible to inform their suppliers/exporters/manufacturers of the mandatory nature of the program and of the requirement to register on the SGS Exporter Portal platform.

The registration of products, payment of the eco levy and receipt of e-waste certificates are to be done on the SGS Exporter Portal platform at this link <https://exporter-portal.sgs.com>. SGS and EPA designated offices will assist exporters with any challenges with the Exporter Portal to ensure a smooth implementation of the program. A copy of the User Guide Manual on how exporters can use the SGS Exporter Portal to register and submit their orders can be downloaded at www.epa.gov.gh.

No consignment shall be cleared from customs without the corresponding eco-levy certificate and this is in accordance with the **Commissioner-General’s Order (CGO) No. 2019/001 with Ref. No. H/ORG/1 and dated 29th March 2019.**

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