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PRESS RELEASE

## **EUROPEAN LAMP COMPANIES FEDERATION WELCOMES EU PARLIAMENT VOTE ON UPDATED WEEE DIRECTIVE**

The European Lamp Companies Federation (ELC) welcomes the EU Parliament's recent vote for recasting the EU directive on Waste and Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE). This vote confirms a compromise agreement drawn up by representatives of the Parliament, the Member States and the European Commission.

The updated Directive now requires formal approval from the Council of Ministers and will then be published in the Official Journal of the European Union, which will mark its entry into force. The EU Member States will have 18 months to update their national legislation to comply with the changes.

Once approved, the updated Directive will set ambitious recycling targets and clarify financing responsibilities and requirements for collection and recycling operations. The ELC believes the updated Directive will provide for a balanced approach, which gives due consideration to waste management needs and to product and market realities with regard to sustainable financing and effective recycling of raw materials.

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