

**RECYCLING OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC WASTE
IN GREECE: POSSIBILITIES AND PROSPECTS**

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ABSTRACT

The continuous progress of technology and the high living standards of our times have increased the electrical and electronic equipment used in everyday life. As a result, a new waste type appears: the Waste of Electrical and Electronic Equipment. The present paper elaborates information concerning the quantity of the imported electrical and electronic equipment, along with the estimated number of the so-called "white machines", consumed by the Greek market during the last decade. Accordingly, the main problems -related to the way of handling these materials- are described. Finally, the proposed solutions and obligations of manufacturing companies, traders and other relevant parties are presented.