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Responsible Recycling (R2)

In today's electronic digital age, the proliferation of electronic devices and appliances combined with technology's rapid rate of obsolescence has increased the amount of electronic waste (e-waste). Consumer electronics account for up to five percent of the total materials flowing into the municipal solid waste stream, but they are the fastest growing component of these waste streams, growing five times faster than other types of waste.

Such discarded items containing components and metals that are recyclable include televisions, computers, microwave ovens, telephones, cellular phones, stereos, mp3 players, VCRs, and DVD players. All this discarded e-waste ends up in municipal landfills or shipped overseas where it often ends up in open dumping sites, posing safety and health hazards to both the public and the environment.

What is R2?

Responsible Recycling Practices for Electronic Recyclers (R2) is a set of requirements for use by electronics recyclers to promote better environmental, health and safety, and security practices when recycling end-of-life electronics. The requirements cover computers, peripherals, cell phones, and televisions sent to recyclers for proper refurbishment and recycling.

Why Choose R2?

For those organizations involved in the recycling of electronics, obtaining R2 certification demonstrates a commitment to manufacturers and consumers alike that they are willing to employ practices to reduce the potential environmental impact associated with electronics disposal.

Benefits of Certification

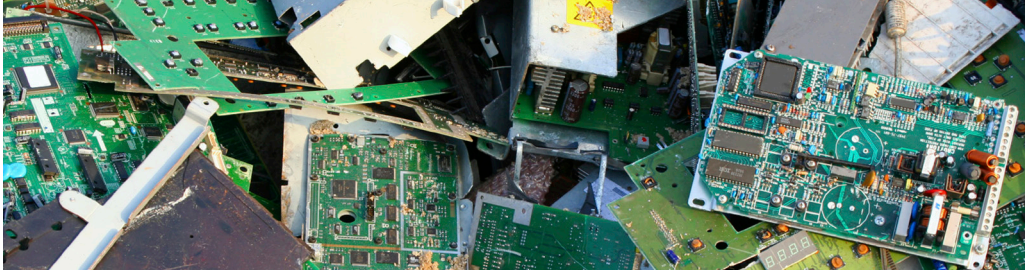
- Promotes safe reuse and recycling of electronic equipment and components

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- Ensures proper downstream management of recycling chain
- Reduces risk to environment and public health
- Demonstrates compliance with both domestic and international laws
- Facilitates due diligence of original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) for their end-of-life (EOL) electronics
- Helps reduce recyclers' insurance costs and minimizes liability
- Increases public and customer confidence



Why Partner with TÜV SÜD America?

At TÜV SÜD America, the customers and their needs are the focus of all our activities, and part of our ongoing effort to deliver solutions that help improve internal performance.

TÜV SÜD America's depth of expertise and breadth of services, honest and open communications approach, combined with our global network and recognition as a leading management systems Certification Body are the necessary ingredients for establishing a long-term partnership. Our experience and know-how place us in the unique position to help your organization manage and achieve improved corporate performance.

About TÜV SÜD America

TÜV SÜD America Inc., a subsidiary of TÜV SÜD AG, is an internationally recognized certification, testing, and inspection organization, and a leading ISO 9001 Certification Body in North America, Asia, and Europe. Headquartered in Peabody, Massachusetts, the organization maintains a full-time audit staff in over a dozen locations throughout North America.

Along with providing management system certification services to ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO/TS 16949, AS9100, ISO 13485, TL 9000, ESD S20.20, OHSAS 18001, SQF, ISO 22000, Supplier Auditing Services, and EN 15038, the company offers Renewable Services including Greenhouse Gas, Wind Energy, Photovoltaics, and Battery Testing.

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