# **Experience of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) in Ghana**

**Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)** 

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## **Key Policies and Initiatives Towards Circular Economy**

National Plastics Management Policy (NPMP) - 2020

> Ghana's first national plastics policy to manage plastics across their entire lifecycle, aiming for sustainable development and a circular economy

## Focus Area 3: Towards a Circular Economy

- (a) Establish EPR Schemes
- (b) Establish a Certification & Database

Circular Economy Fram ework for Plastics in Ghana (CEF-PS)

An initiative to provide a comprehensive framework for policy development, stakeholder engagement, and the adoption of innovative technologies to reduce plastic waste.

#### **Legal and Regulatory Framework Towards Circular**

#### Laws Governing EPR in Ghana: Economy & EPR

- ➤ Hazardous and Electronic Waste Control and Management Act, 2016 (Act 917).
- ➤ Hazardous, Electronic, and Other Waste (Classification) Control and Management Regulations, 2016 (LI 2250).

LI 2250

Sec. 8(c)

prohibits the landfilling of plastics

sec. 9

establishes a take back obligation for beverage Producers by producers

Act 917/LI 2250

**Sec. 10** 

assigns Producers with a clear financial obligation regarding collection, recycling, recovery and disposal of waste arising from households

#### Schedule 5

establishes framework conditions for beverage packaging take-back schemes to exist and operate. Inter alia, it specifies that a take-back scheme can be operated by a single Producer or be a collective solution joined by multiple Producers.

Effective EPR requires a network of collection and take-back schemes set to meet collection targets.

### Regulated Products Under EPR Since 2019

## E-waste categories according to L.I. 2250

Cat 1: Large household appliances

Cat 1: Refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners

Cat 1: Small household appliances

Cat 3: IT and telecommunications equipment

Cat.4: Consumer Equipment

Cat 5: Lighting Equipment

Cat 6: Electrical and electronic tools

Cat 7: Toys, leisure and sports equipment

Cat 8: Medical devices

Cat 9: Monitoring and control instruments

Cat 10: Automatic dispenser

Cat 11: Batteries

Cat 12: Security and military equipment

300+ HS
Codes of
Regulated
Products



Collection of EPR Fee (Eco-Levy) at the Ports



Collection & Recycling Fund





# **EPR IMPLEMENTATION**









# Promoting Collection & Recycling

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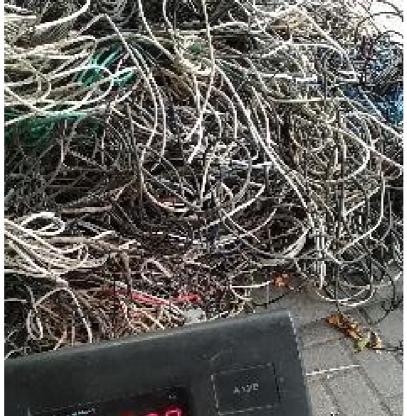




#### **OBJECTIVES**

- Minimize negative environmental and human health impacts from improper manageme of electronic wastes.
- Transition the most polluting e-waste recovery activities from the informal sector to the formal sector without removing jobs from the lowest income group.
- Support the National System with lessons learned.

Beginning Tuesday, 30 June 2020, the public







Incentive Collection – Supply Side



Interim Storage @ Ghana Atomic Energy Commission (GAEC)





Cable Recycling Contd

## Improper dismantling, separation and burning of e-waste is harmful to your health and the environment

Let's Promote a Positive Recycling Attitude in Ghana











#### Voluntary Initiatives for Plastics

Collection & Sorting

Incentive Mechanism

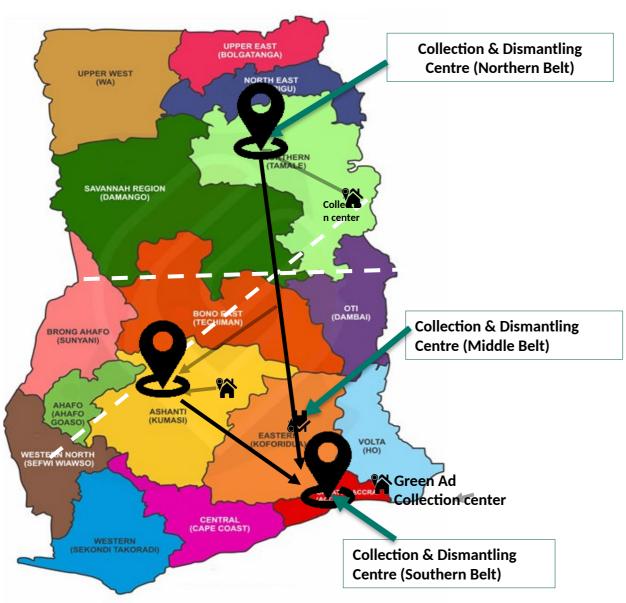
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**Processing** 

Recycling



**Network of National Collection & Dismantling Infrastructure** 







#### **EPR IMPLEMENTATION**

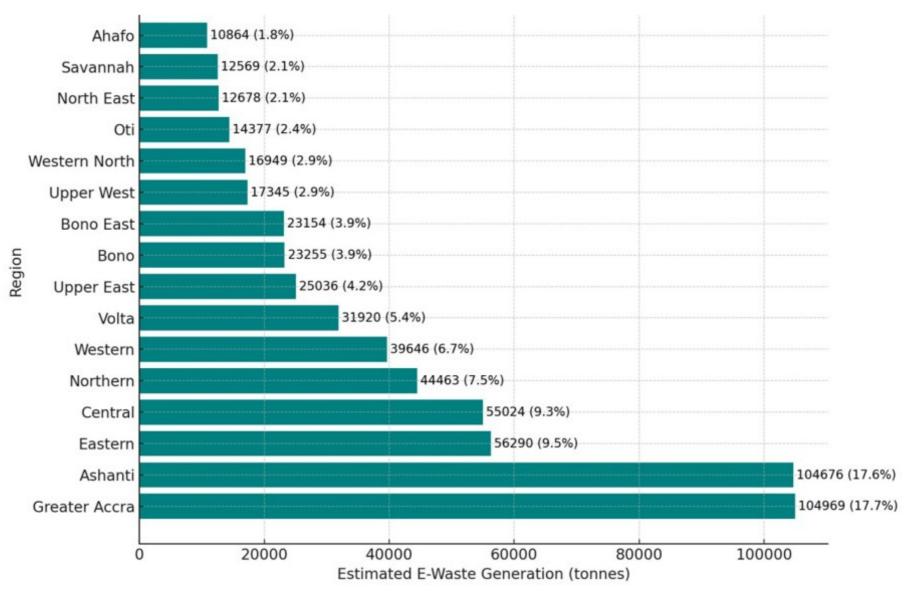
#### **Data Management**

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### **Data Management for EPR Regulated Products**

Type of data Da	ita Usage	Data Source
Put on market	Market size knowledge Market size calculation Obligation calculation	Customs Trade associations Registry
Collection	Collection volume Collection rate Collection cost	Collectors Aggregators Recyclers Registry
Processing	Recycling volume Recovery volume Recycling rate Recovery rate	Recyclers Other waste processors Registry

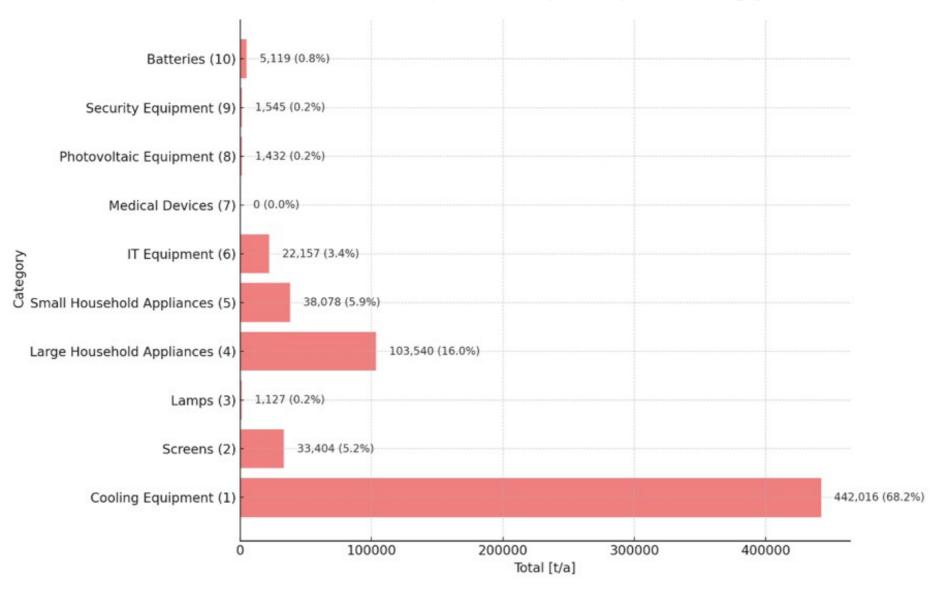
### Regional Distribution of Household E-Waste Generation in Ghana (2023) Total Estimated E-Waste Generation: 593,216 tonnes



Source: EPA, 2023

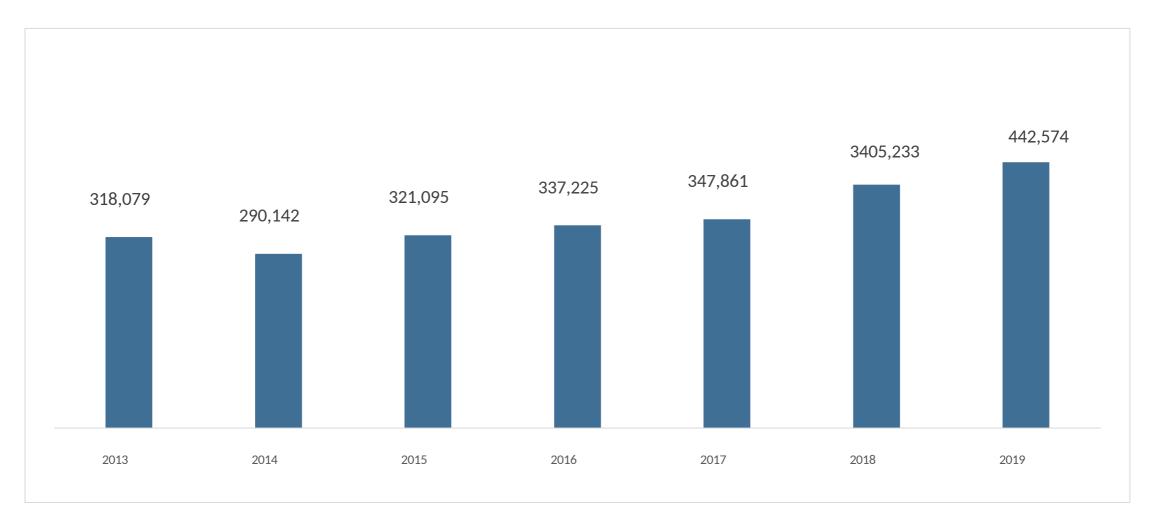
#### "E-Waste by Category from Commercial & Private Consumers (2023)"

Total: 648,418 tonnes | Per Capita: 21.03 kg/year



Source: EPA, 2023

## Yearly Imports of Plastics to Ghana (2013-2019) - (Net Mass In MT)

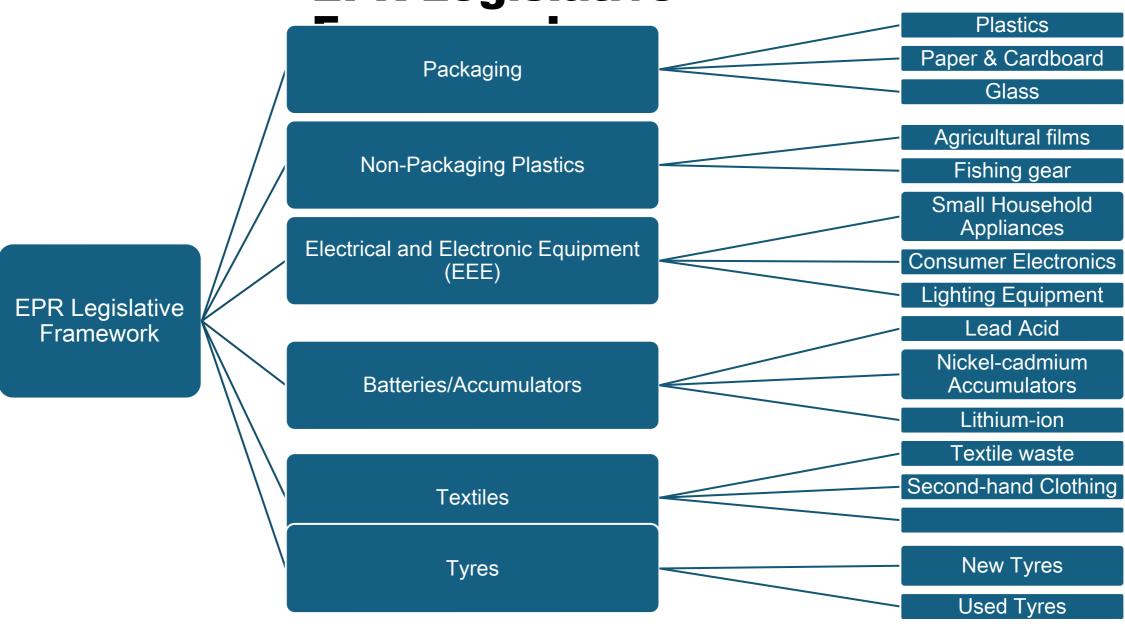


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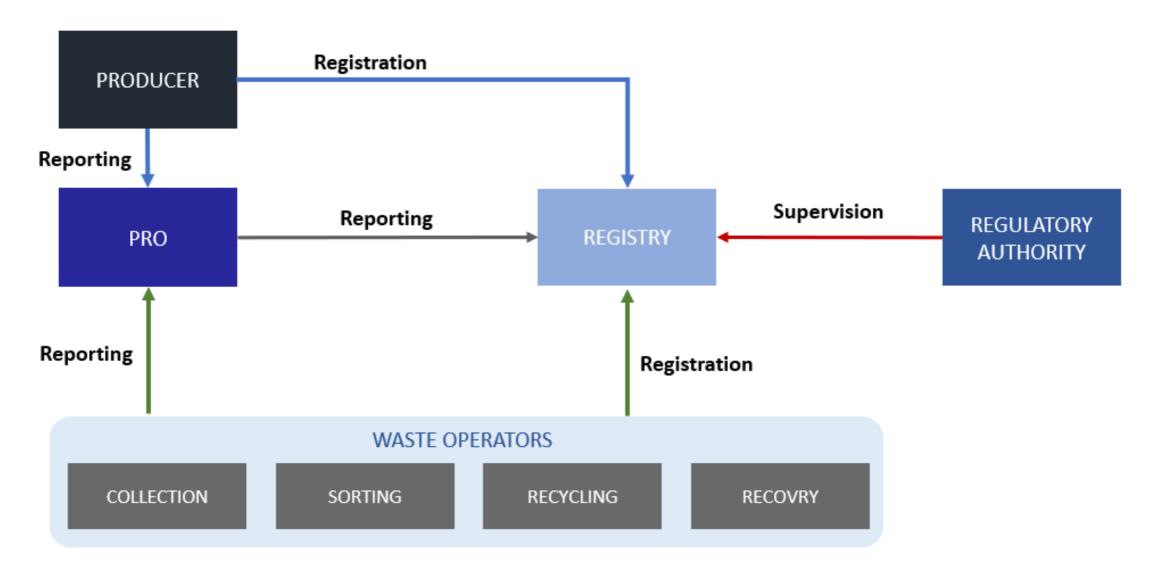
## Outlook of EPR Legislative Framework & e-Registry

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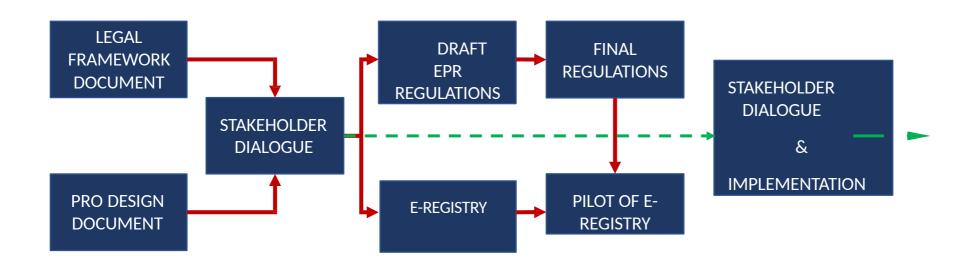
**EPR Legislative** 



#### PRELIMINARY DESIGN OF THE SYSTEM (E-REGISTRY)



## Road Map & Next Steps



Q2 2026

Q4 2025

Q3 2026

Q3 2023

Q4 2023



## THANK YOU!