Significant Changes and Transition Requirements to R2:2013


- Beginning on the effective date of the R2 Code of Practices (July 1, 2013), accredited Certification Bodies (CBs) must verify that a certified electronics recycling organization has a licensing agreement in effect with R2 Solutions before certifying (including reassessing/recertifying) the organization to the relevant R2 Standard. CBs also must confirm a valid licensing agreement while conducting an annual surveillance audit.

- CBs shall no longer issue new certification to R2:2008 as of January 1, 2014.

- R2:2013 requires a company to be certified to ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 or to RIOS.

- Multi-site certifications shall clearly identify the controlling site. Each site listing will clearly demonstrate any differences in scope of activities between sites. Each site must be fully audited before added to the multi-site certificate.
  - Each remote site must be visited by the CB and audited at least once every 3 years, irrespective of the sampling requirements.

- Allowances allowed:
  - Broker Allowance
  - Collector Allowance
  - Campus Allowance
  - Co-Location Allowance
  - FM Processor Allowance
  - Provision 8 for data destruction will not apply
  - Provision 6 for reuse will not apply

- R2:2013 places a heavy emphasis on data security requirements, good housekeeping standards, and reuse requirements.

- An R2:2013 electronics recycler shall, prior to shipping used electronics equipment and components that contain FMs, either domestically or internationally, assure and identify each shipment as either:
  - Tested for Full Functions, R2/Ready for Reuse;
    1. All functions for equipment and components are working properly and ready for reuse, including properly configured with appropriate legally licensed software where required for operation of equipment and components, and device specific drivers within the product’s hardware
    2. Implement a written Quality Assurance Plan or maintain current certification to ISO 9001 or RIOS.
    3. Implement a written Product Return Plan and Policy
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- Tested for Key Functions, R2/Ready for Resale; and/or
  1. Use effective test methods and testing equipment to confirm the Key Functions of the equipment or components are working properly
  2. Implement a written Quality Assurance Plan or maintain current certification to ISO 9001 or RIOS.
  3. Disclose in writing to buyers any functions that are not working properly and provide a description of cosmetic defects and missing components for each shipment as applicable
  4. Implement a written Product Return Plan and Policy

- Evaluated and Non-Function, R2/Ready for Repair.
  1. Written Quality Assurance Plan and policy
  2. Written Quality Assurance Plan and policy to evaluate equipment and components to ensure the condition, functionality, and sales price of the unit or component is capable of repair and refurbishment in the destination market
  3. An R2:2013 electronics recycler need not conform to Section (c) for sales of “Collectible Electronics” and their associated components or “Specialty Electronics” that the R2:2013 electronics recycler does not possess the technical capability to test or repair. Such sales are restricted to 1% of total individual units by quantity sold on a rolling 12 month average. Sales under this provision must include returns at no cost to the buyer.

- Data Destruction procedures shall take into consideration security controls appropriate to the most sensitive classification of media accepted at the facility.

- Risks shall be evaluated to determine level of adequate insurance needed.