

# Mobile Takeback Forum

From its launch in 2002 the FCS Mobile Takeback Forum (MTF) has taken a prominent position on disposal and recycling issues. With the adoption by the European Parliament of the WEEE and RoHS Directives the groundwork is done. The MTF's next challenge is to build on this success and work with the UK government to help shape the implementation of the WEEE directive, which is planned to come into force in 2007 in the UK. MTF aims to achieve safe, sustainable and environmentally sound policies that do not place unnecessary restrictions or burdens on its members.

## MTF Objectives

- continue to provide a forum for the exchange of non-competitive information with respect to the end of life issues of product
- continue to be the recognised body representing and putting members' views to decision-making bodies in the UK and EC
- become a technical centre in the UK providing commentary, guidance and advice on legal and other regulatory developments on end of life issues
- become a research and statistical centre, aggregating and publishing statistics and analysis and other relevant market information on handling end of life product

## Who can join the MTF

Mobile phone handset manufacturers, suppliers, network operators, reverse logistics and other companies associated with GSM or 3G and other product connected by the mobile network operators into the UK market, including companies that recycle or refurbish mobile phones.

## How the MTF works in your interests

- provides a forum for non-competitive discussion on the implementation of the WEEE, ROHS and Batteries Directives into the UK market.
- acts as a point of contact on end of life mobile phones with the DTI, Defra and the Environment Agency.

## What the MTF has achieved so far

- ✓ established a central point of contact in the UK for mobile takeback issues
- ✓ developed code of practice guidelines for the recycling and refurbishment of mobile phones in the UK
- ✓ contributed to the international work of the United Nations Environmental Project on handling of mobile phones
- ✓ worked with the Environment Agency on the definition of waste for mobile phones
- ✓ responded to Government consultations on the implementation of the WEEE and ROHS directives.

## Who's Who in MTF?

Mobile Takeback Forum is chaired by **Nigel Roffe**, Manager of Corporate Compliance at NEC (UK) Ltd.

**Vic Clements**, Environmental Specialist at Environ UK Ltd, is Vice Chairman of the group.

## How can I join MTF?

MTF is a membership group within the FCS. To become an FCS member or Associate and join the MTF call the FCS office on 0208 249 6363 or e-mail [mtf@fcs.org.uk](mailto:mtf@fcs.org.uk)

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