

## WEEE

This page informs about WTW's proceeding with respect to EC directive 2002/96/EC on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) , implemented into German law by the "Gesetz über das Inverkehrbringen, die Rücknahme und die umweltverträgliche Entsorgung von Elektro- und Elektronikgeräten ( Elektro- und Elektronikgerätegesetz - ElektroG )". The statements made below on the disposal of no longer used WTW instruments **apply bindingly only for customers inside Germany**. Customers in other EC countries should contact their local distributor and/or their local authorities for correspondent information.

One primary goal of the WEEE directive is to minimise the disposal of WEEE as unsorted municipal waste and to achieve a high level of separate collection and recovery of WEEE. As a company committed to the protection of the environment WTW supports this goal expressly.

WEEE may contain materials that are harmful to the environment and the human health and should by no means be disposed of together with the municipal waste.

### Proper disposal of WTW instruments taken finally out of use

#### Can WEEE originating from WTW be handed over to the communal collection points for WEEE ?

*The answer is expressly no for the following reason:*

WTW instruments are designed for professional use and accordingly they have been approved as b2b (business to business) products by the competent german authority Stiftung EAR (Elektro-Altgeräte Register), where WTW is registered under WEEE-Reg.-Nr. 35575700. The b2b classification implies that WTW does not have to pick up WEEE at the communal collection points as the ElektroG demands it from the producers of consumer EEE, and consequently our products are excluded from this path of disposal.

Instead we offer our domestic customers to take back no longer used WTW instruments produced from 2006 on and properly dispose them free of charge.

This complies with the announcement of EAR that the producer's obligation of disposal in the case of b2b becomes effective for instruments supplied after 23.03.2006.

The year of production can be identified from the first two figures of the serial number labeled on the instrument, e.g. 06... for 2006.

***Instruments for disposal must be sent in with prepaid postage and marked with "ZUR ENTSORGUNG".***

**As a voluntary service to our customers we also take back instruments from before 2006 free of charge, if a new instrument with comparable function is purchased.**

In other cases we reserve the right, to charge a cost-covering disposal fee.