

# Trina Solar's compliance with the Directive 2012/19/EU of 4 July 2012 on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE Directive)

## Background of WEEE Regulation in the European Union

The WEEE Directive entered into force on 13 August 2012 and transposed into national laws by 14 February 2014 to set up the minimum rules and targets for the disposal of electrical and electronic equipment including photovoltaic modules across EU Member States. As of 14 February 2014, each EU Member State regulated the collection, transport, and treatment (recycling) of photovoltaic modules according to its national laws in the light of WEEE Directive. Trina Solar, as a photovoltaic modules manufacturer, is fully compliant with the WEEE Directive.

## The Crossed-Out Wheeled Bin Symbol



The crossed-out wheeled bin symbol on Trina Solar products is a crucial indicator that these products must not be disposed of as unsorted municipal waste. Please refrain from disposing of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE), including Trina Solar modules, as part of regular household waste. Instead, take the necessary steps to collect WEEE separately. Responsible disposal practices contribute to proper recycling and environmental preservation.

## Our Collaborative Recycling Efforts

At Trina Solar, we actively collaborate with various recycling organizations to fulfill our regulatory and environmental commitments to the responsible recycling of electronic waste. Through

strategic partnerships with these organizations, we ensure the proper disposal and recycling of Trina Solar products:



## Contact us for Disposal Instructions

If you need to dispose of waste electrical or electronic products purchased from Trina Solar, please contact us at [EUservice@trinasolar.com](mailto:EUservice@trinasolar.com) or directly to your contract sales manager at Trina Solar. We will provide you with detailed instructions based on the specific purchase you made with us.

## Users' Role in WEEE Management

As a user of Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE), your contribution is vital to the success of reuse, recycling, and other forms of recovery of WEEE. By following responsible disposal practices, you actively participate in environmental sustainability.

## Potential Effects on the Environment and Human Health

Improper disposal of electronic waste, including solar panels, can harm both the environment and human health. Electronic devices often contain hazardous substances that, if not managed correctly, can seep into the soil and water, affecting ecosystems. Additionally, exposure to these substances may pose health risks to individuals.

By responsibly managing the disposal of your Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE), you play a crucial role in preventing these harmful effects. Follow proper practices to contribute to a cleaner environment and safeguard the well-being of both nature and people.

Thank you for being a part of our commitment to sustainable practices and environmental well-being.

