

Vicor position paper concerning the China WEEE Law in accordance with State Environmental Protection Administration Order No. 40

The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Law State Environmental Protection Administration Order No. 40 "Management Measures for the Control of Environmental Pollution by Electronic Waste" is the Chinese Directive on waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment. This Order was approved by the State Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) on September 9, 2007, and will be effective as of February 1, 2008. This Order sets waste electronic Disassembly, Utilization and Disposal criteria for all types of electrical and electronic goods.

This Order requires all existing and new building projects to establish methods for determining, monitoring and controlling the types of electrical and electronic products being used, the quantity, and requires that appropriate methods be established for collection, disassembly and disposal of waste electrical and electronic products.

This Order requires existing and new waste disassembly and disposal centers meet certain national guidelines (SEPA) for methods, emissions and reporting concerning waste electrical and electronic products.

This Order requires producers, importers and marketers of electrical and electronic products to restrict or phase out hazardous substances in products and equipment which they import, design, fabricate or market. This paragraph ties this Order in with the China RoHS Regulations. These entities should establish instructions on how to render the applicable waste products environmentally harmless.

This Order requires Organizations which generate electronic waste to record types, weights and quantities of electronic waste and the manner in which the waste was self-treated or commission a third party to store, disassemble, utilize, or dispose of the electronic waste they generate.

The Scope of the State Environmental Protection Administration Order No. 40 indicates that Vicor is not included in the requirements of the Order. Vicor Customers would be required to meet the requirements of this Order. Vicor does not produce any Electrical and Electronic Equipment that would fall under the scope of this Order, but Vicor does produce equipment which Vicor Customers incorporate into their higher level assemblies. This places the responsibility for Compliance and Reporting on Vicor OEM Customers.

**In Summary:**

- The China WEEE Order, in conjunction with the China RoHS Directive, concerns itself with the disassembly, utilization and disposal of waste electrical and electronic equipment.
- Vicor does not fall into any of the business entities which would be included in the scope of the China WEEE Order. This would fall to Vicor Customers. Consequently, all Vicor product can be legally sold in China, in compliance with China RoHS, without any additional marking, testing or certification.
- Vicor has no additional reporting requirements under the China WEEE Order.