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## Law on the placing on the market, return and environmentally friendly disposal of electrical and electronic equipment (Electrical and Electronic Equipment Act - ElektroG)

### Section 19 Take-back by the manufacturer

(1) Every manufacturer or, in the case of authorization according to Section 8, every authorized representative is obliged to create a reasonable opportunity for the return of old devices from users other than private households from the times specified in Section 3 number 4. There is no obligation on the part of the end user to hand over the old devices to the manufacturer.

(2) The manufacturer or, in the case of authorization pursuant to Section 8, the authorized representative shall prepare the old devices or their components for reuse in the event of return pursuant to subsection 1 or treat and recycle them pursuant to Section 20 subsections 2 to 4 and Section 22 subsection 1. Sentence 1 applies to the end user accordingly, provided that the end user does not leave the old devices with the manufacturer.

(3) The costs of disposal are borne by the manufacturer or, in the case of authorization in accordance with Section 8, by the authorized representative. Sentence 1 does not apply to historical old devices. The end user who is not a private household has to bear the costs of disposing of historical old devices. Manufacturers or, in the case of authorization according to Section 8, the authorized person and purchaser or end user who is not a private household can make agreements that deviate from sentence 1.

(4) The manufacturer and, in the case of authorization according to Section 8, the authorized representative is obliged to have the financial and organizational means available in order to be able to fulfill his obligations according to paragraphs 1 to 3.

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