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Fact Sheet: 2014 Revisions to the Export Provision of the Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) Final Rule

- On June 18, 2014, the EPA Administrator signed a final rule that revises the export provisions of the CRT final rule under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).
- These changes will allow the Agency to obtain additional information to better track exports of CRTs for reuse and recycling in order to ensure safe management of these materials.
- These changes were recommended by the Interagency Task Force on Electronics Stewardship, which consists of 16 federal agencies, in its report titled *National Strategy for Electronics Stewardship* (July 20, 2011). The final rule fulfills an EPA commitment towards the Task Force's goal to reduce harm from US exports of e-waste and improve the safe handling of used electronics in developing countries.
- Specifically, the rule:
 - (1) Adds a definition of "CRT exporter" to eliminate potential confusion over who is responsible for fulfilling CRT exporter duties, including submitting the export notices.
 - (2) Requires information on all interim and final destinations for CRTs exported for recycling to provide more complete information to receiving countries.
 - (3) Requires annual reports from exporters of used CRTs sent for recycling to provide EPA more accurate information on the total quantity of CRTs exported for recycling during a calendar year.
 - (4) Replaces the one-time notice for used CRTs exported for reuse with an expanded, periodic notice to improve tracking, and thus better management, of these CRTs.
 - (5) Requires that normal business records maintained by exporters of used CRTs for reuse be translated into English upon request.
- All notices and annual reports are submitted to EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Office of Federal Activities, International Compliance Assurance Division.
- CRT is the glass video display component of an electronic device (usually a computer or television monitor). CRT glass contains a significant amount of lead and must be recycled under safe conditions, which hasn't always occurred in developing countries.
- For more information about this rulemaking, please visit:
<http://www.epa.gov/osw/hazard/recycling/electron/>