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Best Practice Guide Collection & Recycling Lamps

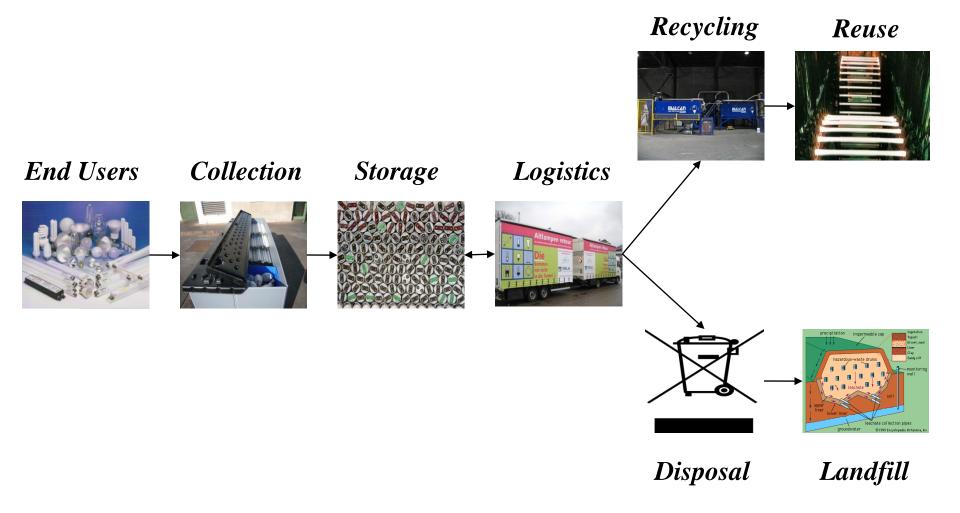
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Global Co-operation of Philips and Lighting Industries

- The objective is to implement and optimize environmentally and financially sustainable collection & recycling service organisation's ("CRSO") for end of life ("EoL") lamps, tailored to the specific country requirements.
- Philips experience of implementing CRSO's together with the country lighting industry:



Overview Flow of EoL Lamps to be Managed by the CRSO



What Lamps to Collect at EoL?

• Compact fluorescent lamps (CFL):



• Other fluorescent lamps including straight tubes and round tubes:



• High intensity discharge (HID) lamps:



• Light emitting diode (LED):



Where to Collect EoL Lamps?

- Public Collection Points hospitals, schools, post office, restaurants, shopping malls, commercial office buildings and retail outlets.
- Professional End Users Large installers and maintenance, re-lamping, electrical distribution.
- Mobile & Curbside Collection Vehicle Service.
- Online Mail Order.
- Waste Merchant.

Large Container Collection



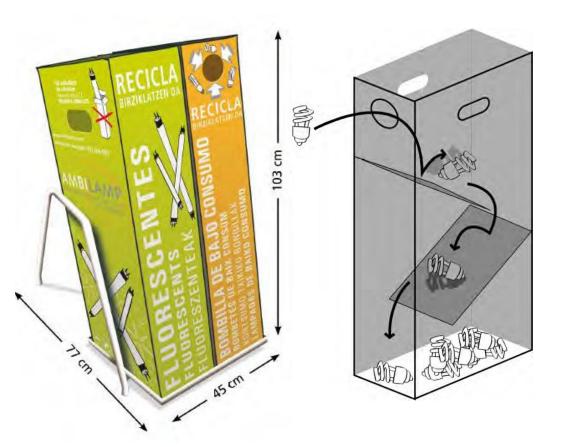




- Foldable, efficient for logistics.
- Adaptable to different types of EoL lamps.
- Possible to track and trace containers.
- Suitable for large installers and maintenance, relamping, electrical distribution, professional end users.



Smaller Container Collection



- Increases coverage of public collection points as space efficient to install.
- Soft-drop internal ramp system to minimise breakage.
- Provides convenient access to public and the household.

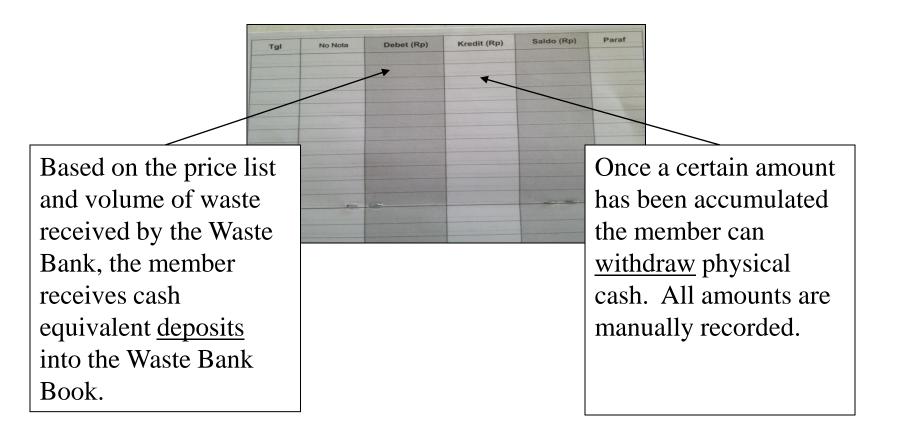
Incentivised Collection – Waste Bank Network Indonesia

One of the challenges is to improve the collection of compact fluorescent lamps from households, which typically is below the waste flow from professional end-users.



The Waste Bank Book details official prices offered by categories of waste

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Incentivised Collection – Reverse Vending



- Built-in technology recycles CFL and LED lamps containing hazardous substances.
- An automated soft-drop system designed to safely collect and lower light bulbs into a special collection container, minimizing breakage.
- An internal mercury fume extractor and mercury fume filter.
- The user automatically receives a reward incentive voucher that can be used for product discounts and sales incentives.

Joint Waste Collection

• Multi product container for small e-waste such as lamps and batteries, are space efficient and provides synergies for collection at retail sites.



Informal Salvagers



- Waste pickers collect and sometimes buy recyclables, packing them on their mode of transport including lamps.
- Selling them for profit to sorters who then ship it all off for processing.
- This form of recycling network, is a low-tech solution, but one that works.
- Engagement of the informal sector is necessary to formalise waste volumes collected and can help create employment.

Storage Guidelines

- Warehousing will need to have license to store hazardous waste.
- Contingency planning at the warehouse is necessary including training workers in the event of breakage of EoL lamps such as the use of a mercury spill control kit.



Logistic Guidelines



• As collected volumes increase specialized logistic providers will be required with dedicated fleets to handle the above special purpose containers.

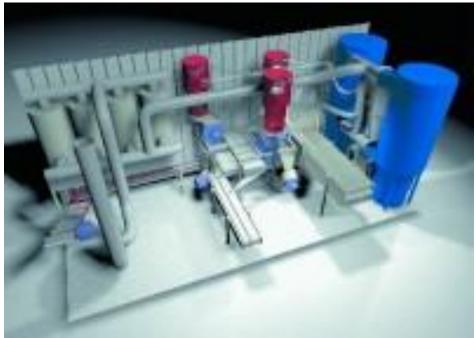
- They usually require licenses to deal with hazardous waste.
- Logistically the waste collected is consolidated at take-back storage sites and transported to recycling.
- Online logistic system will be required to track and trace containers and trucks.

Why Recycle Lamps?

- It is the safest way to deal with the hazardous materials found in many lamps.
- This prevents them from entering landfill from where they leak into the environment.
- It reduces the demand for raw materials as primary processing is more energy intensive than recycling.

How to Recycle Lamps?

- One example is the MRT Compact Crush and Separation Plant from Sweden, it is self contained processing equipment for recycling most types of fluorescent lamps.
- The plant which is incorporated in a 20" container in which the air is brought to a sub-pressure, preventing mercury from being released into the environment.
- The container can be fixed or relocated or used as a mobile unit. Internal plant illustration:



What are the lamps recycled into?

• Recycling allows direct reuse in the manufacture of lighting equipment.

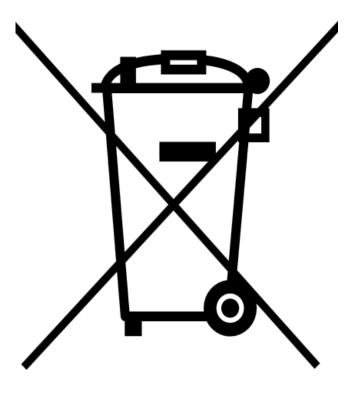


Distillation recovers – mercury



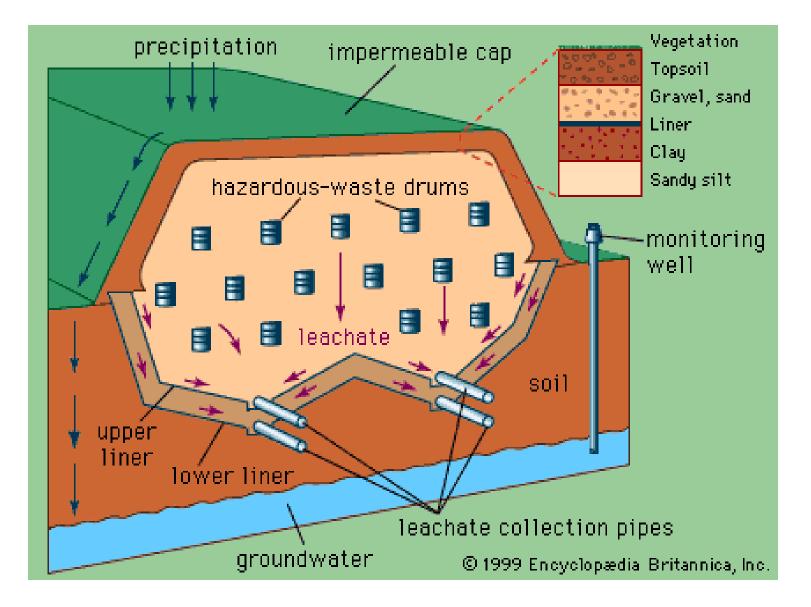
- The material recovery rate from recycling typically exceeds 95% an effective 'cradle to cradle' solution.
- There are also alternative industrial use of the recycled materials such as glass for building insulation.

Disposal – As Last Resort





Landfill – Hazardous Waste Site Only



Government Needs to Communicate Benefits of Converting to Energy Saving Lamps

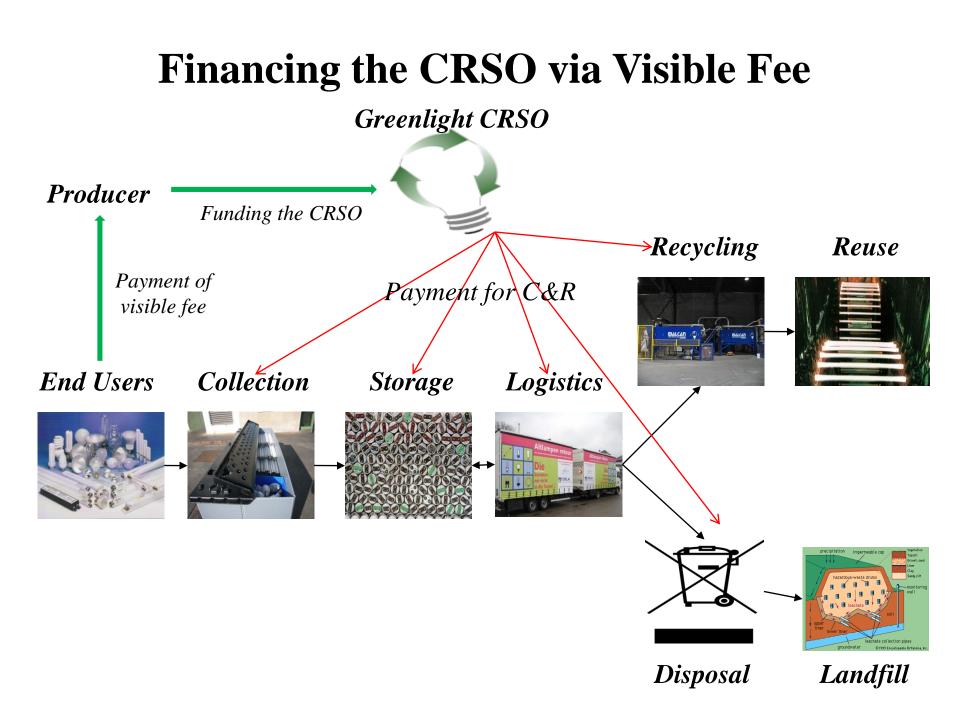


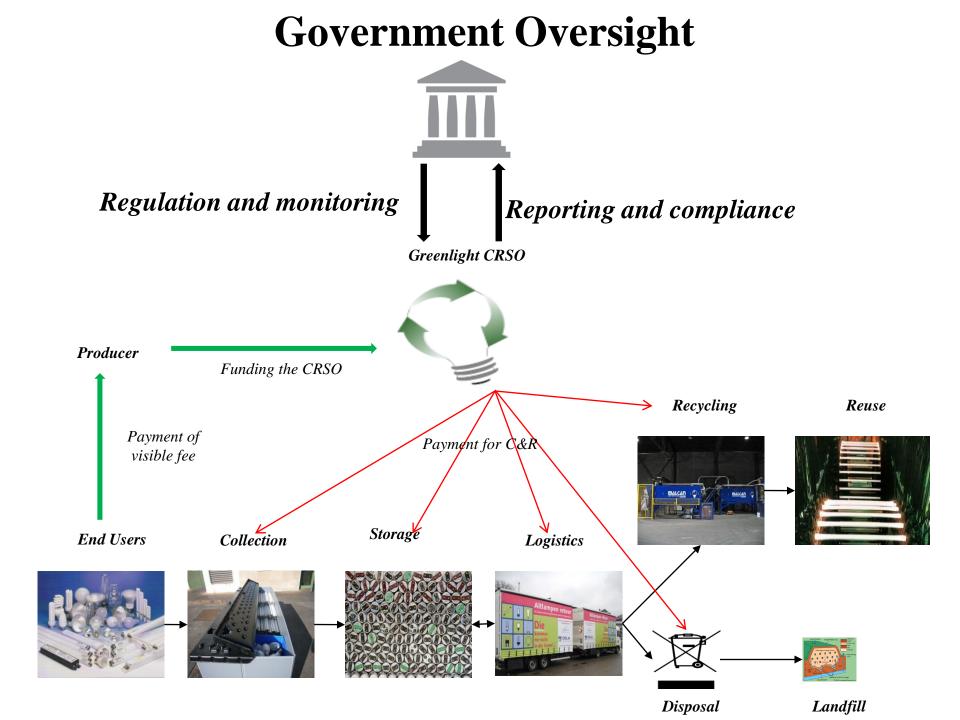
CRSO Communicate to Build Awareness for End Users



CRSO Communicate Convenience to C&R Lamps







Differentiating Lamps to other Waste

- The collection and recycling of lamps is different to other EoL e-waste products due to their specific characteristics, which should be considered for government regulation:
- Fragile and hazardous
- Low weight of individual lamps with different shapes and dimension
- High volume of lamps put on the market every year
- No residual value at end-of-life
- New LED technology
- Specific collection and treatment plants
- No distinction can be made between household and professional EoL lamps.

Conclusion – Lamps are Different

- One financially and environmentally sustainable CRSO specifically for lamps.
- Involving the whole country market lamp industry.
- Based on strongly enforced lamp specific regulation.

