

DRAFT NEPSI DEFINITIONS

Front-End Fee

Term refers to a fee that is imposed at point of purchase (e.g., advanced recovery fee) or when product is placed on market (e.g., product licensing fee). It may be imposed on consumers or on producers.

Back-End Fee

Term refers to a fee that is imposed at point of collection (e.g., end-of-life fee). It may be imposed on consumers, governments, or producers.

End-of-life Management Fee

Fee is collected to finance the management of products at the end of their useful life, when they are destined for collection, reuse or recovery. Fee could cover collection and/or transportation, and/or reuse/recovery.

Cost Internalization

Term refers to system where end-of-life management cost is internalized into product price. End-of-life management cost is indirectly passed on to consumers through product price.

Visible Fee

Term refers to fee that is added to product at point of purchase and is separated from product price thereby, making cost “visible” to consumer. Example: separate line on price tag, invoice, or bill.

Invisible Fee

Term refers to fee that is added to product at point of purchase but is not made separate from product price thereby, making cost “invisible” to consumer.

Advance Recovery Fee

Term refers to end-of-life management fee that is imposed on consumers when they purchase a product. Fee may be visible or invisible.

Product Licensing Fee

Term refers to end-of-life management fee that is imposed on producers when they place products on the market. These fees may or may not be passed on to consumers through the product price. This type of fee differs from other fees in that it is set by a third party organization and may vary based upon product attributes. Fee may be visible or invisible. Examples include the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC) and the German Green Dot Program.

Third Party Organization

Term refers to a private organization that is developed either through statutory mandate or voluntarily by interested parties such as manufacturers, retailers, or independent groups specifically to implement and manage funds. Such programs are normally funded by the participants who may recoup their costs.

Producer Responsibility Organization

Term refers to a private organization that is formed by product producers to implement an end-of-life management program. HOW FUNDED? EXAMPLE?

Orphan Waste

Term refers to electronic products that no longer can be linked to an existing manufacturer (i.e., the company that manufactured the product is no longer in existence).

Historic Waste

Term refers to electronic products that were sold prior to the establishment of an advance recovery fee.

Free Riders

Term refers to product producers that do not financially participate in an advance recovery program for used electronics and whose products are managed by that recovery program.

National Fee Basis

Term refers to a front end or back-end fee that is consistent nationwide (i.e., the amount of fee is imposed in every jurisdiction).

Product Fee Basis

Term refers to a front-end or back-end fee that is consistent in product categories (i.e., the amount of fee may differ among product categories but is the same within product categories).

Product Characteristic Basis

Term refers to a front-end or back-end fee that varies depending upon a product's characteristic (e.g., weight, material composition, or recyclability).