

# **NOTE TO COMMERCIAL / TRADE CUSTOMERS**

Note:- Commercial / trade customers are those buying as or on behalf of a business or other commercial organisation as opposed to those buying for home or domestic use.

## **WE SHOULD ALL RECYCLE WASTE ELECTRICAL GOODS**

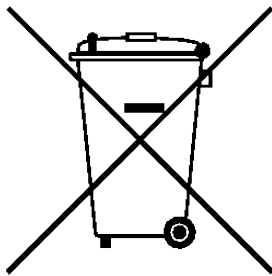
Each year in the UK we throw away over 1 million tonnes of electrical and electronic waste. This is the equivalent of over 750,000 family cars!!

Three quarters of waste electrical goods end up in landfill, where toxins and other pollutants can cause soil and water contamination. This can have a very harmful effect on natural habitat, wildlife and also human health.

Many of the electrical items that are thrown away can be recycled or repaired. Recycling items helps to save natural resources and also helps reduce the environmental risks of sending items to landfill.

To minimise our impact on this earth and to help protect the environment, the United Kingdom has introduced the Waste Electrical and Electronic regulations. It is important that we are all aware of these regulations and the consequences of our actions and how we can all make a difference.

### **The crossed out wheelie bin symbol**



Electrical and Electronic equipment that was made after August 13<sup>th</sup> 2005 should display this symbol on the product. This symbol means that the product must either be sent to be repaired and reused or sent for treatment and recycling through an approved disposal system.

Arco act as Producer for just 6 products, and are obliged to take these back from Commercial customers when they purchase a replacement. These 6 products are Sundstrom powered respirators. Please take your old item to one of our trade counters when buying a new replacement and we shall be pleased to take it back and have it recycled.

Note:- For all other EEE the manufacturer/importer will offer their own takeback arrangements.

The 6 products covered by this obligation are:- 1C2200, 1C8600, 1C8700, 1C8800, 1C8900 and 1C9000.

Please note that this facility only applies to TRADE or COMMERCIAL organisations only and does NOT apply to DOMESTIC CONSUMERS (see separate leaflet).