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For nearly three decades, the global electronics recycling system operated on an implicit assumption that used electronics were commodities first and waste second. That operating environment has materially changed. As of the first quarter of 2026, a convergence of regulatory, enforcement, and market developments has closed the era of low-friction cross-border electronics trade, and the implications for IT Asset Disposition (ITAD) operators, enterprise asset managers, and their logistics partners are immediate and significant. Three developments define the new landscape:

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