



# The Electronics Reverse Supply Chain: Sector Definition, Operational Architecture, and 2026 Market Context

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Compliance Standards is launching new coverage of the [Electronics Reverse Supply Chain \(ERSC\)](#), the transport and logistics layer that governs how returned, retired, and end-of-life electronics move from consumers, enterprises, retailers, OEMs, and data centers into reuse, refurbishment, and recycling channels. This introductory report defines ERSC as a distinct operating environment and explains why cost volatility, lithium-battery eligibility, chain of custody, and exception management increasingly shape ITAD and electronics recycling outcomes.

The coverage is intended for ITAD buyers and operators, CIOs and CISOs overseeing lifecycle risk, sustainability leaders, procurement teams, and logistics planners. Subscribers will receive monthly intelligence briefs tracking carrier policy changes, compliance developments, surcharge and accessorial behavior, platform moves, and other ERSC market signals, alongside flagship research such as the competitive landscape report and periodic outlook updates.

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