

Summary: ITAD Global Regulation & Compliance: A Quiet Summer for E-Scrap Laws, With Progress on Repair, Packaging and Enforcement

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July and August did not bring a major new e-scrap statute in the United States, Europe or Asia. The consequential developments involved measures moving into application: EU repair rights and packaging obligations, Southeast Asian enforcement of waste-import restrictions, and further state-level repair and EPR activity in the United States. For ITAD and recycling industry stakeholders, the period reinforced policy priorities around product life, battery safety, packaging responsibility and cross-border electronics shipments.

Repair moves into application

The most consequential European development for reuse markets arrived July 31, when the EU's right-to-repair rules began applying. The framework covers technically repairable household and electronic products, including mobile phones, tablets, washing machines and vacuum cleaners. Consumers may request repair from manufacturers, which must be offered free of charge or at a reasonable price and within a reasonable timeframe. Choosing repair instead of replacement during the seller-liability period extends the legal guarantee by at least 12 months.

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