The e-Stewards Standard for Responsible Recycling and Reuse of Electronic Equipment is the global standard for conscientious recyclers and refurbishers committed to responsible electronics recycling and refurbishment and wish to differentiate themselves from unscrupulous operators that have unfortunately dominated the industry.

The e-Stewards certification program was established by the environmental non-profit group Basel Action Network to ensure responsible recycling of all electronics. e-Stewards recyclers abide by a rigorous set of requirements meant to protect workers and the environment. Certified companies are prevented from exporting hazardous electronic waste to developing countries or disposing toxic materials in municipal landfills.

The e-Stewards standard is written with an international scope in mind and embraces international waste trade rules, social accountability (SA 8000), occupational health and safety, and other BAN performance requirements.

**BENEFITS**

- Data protection is assured through rigorous requirements for chain-of-custody and data destruction.
- Prohibited use of sweatshops, child, and prison labor anywhere in the supply chain.
- Demonstrate the downstream disposition of all hazardous waste throughout their supply chain.
- The e-Stewards standard is the only international e-Scrap standard that fully incorporates the requirements of the Environmental Management Systems Standard, ISO 14001.
- Major corporations, cities and environmental groups endorse e-Stewards certification.

**REGISTRATION PROCESS**

Certification to the e-Stewards Standard requires accredited certification bodies, such as NSF International, to conduct an initial assessment to verify conformance to the standard. Following this, ongoing conformance will be demonstrated through annual on-site surveillance audits and reregistration every three years. For more information on the registration process, view our webinar at [http://bit.ly/2mIW5sD](http://bit.ly/2mIW5sD).

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