With following 'Decision tree' it´s easy to decide whether or not a product might come within the scope of the WEEE directive (2012/19/EU):

Is the equipment (electrical and electronic equipment' or 'EEE) depending on electric current or electromagnetic fields in order to work properly, and is the equipment designed for the generation transfer and measurements of such currents and fields?
(see 2012/19/EU, Art. 3.1.a)

No → **Not covered**

Yes ↓

EEE Voltage rating exceeds 1000 VAC or 1500 VDC?
(see 2012/19/EU, Art. 3.1.a)

Yes → **Not covered**

No ↓

EEE fits within one of the 10 product categories valid from **13 August 2012 to 14 August 2018** (transitional period)
(see 2012/19/EU, Art. 2.1.a; Annex I and II)

1. Large household appliances
2. Small household appliances
3. IT and telecommunications equipment
4. Consumer equipment and photovoltaic panels
5. Lighting equipment
6. Electrical and electronic tools (with the exception of large-scale stationary industrial tools)
7. Toys, leisure and sports equipment
8. Medical devices (with the exception of all implanted and infected products)
9. Monitoring and control instruments
10. Automatic dispensers

No →

EEE fits within one of the 6 product categories valid from **15 August 2018**
(see 2012/19/EU, Art. 2.1.b; Annex III and IV)

1. Temperature exchange equipment
2. Screens, monitors, and equipment containing screens having a surface greater than 100 cm^2
3. Lamps
4. Large equipment (any external dimension more than 50 cm)
5. Small equipment (no external dimension more than 50 cm)
6. Small IT and telecommunication equipment (no external dimension more than 50 cm)

Attention: heed categories details in Annex III and IV

No → **Not covered**

Yes ↓ (from the 10 product categories)

Yes ↓ (from the 6 product categories)

EEE is subject to one of following exemption
(see 2011/65/EU Art. 2.3; Art. 2.4 and Art. 3)

a) Military and safety relevant equipment which is necessary for the protection of the essential interests of the security of Member States
b) equipment which is a part of another type of equipment that is excluded or does not fall within the scope of this Directive
c) Filament bulbs.

Additionally exemptions valid from 15.August. 2018 (Art. 2.4):

a) Equipment designed to be sent into space
b) Large-scale stationary industrial tools;
c) large-scale fixed installations, except any equipment which is not specifically designed and installed as part of those installations;
d) means of transport for persons or goods, excluding electric two-wheel vehicles which are not type-approved
e) non-road mobile machinery made available exclusively for professional use
f) equipment specifically designed solely for the purposes of research and development
g) medical devices and in vitro diagnostic medical devices, where such devices are expected to be infective prior to end of life, and active implantable medical devices

YES → **Not covered**

No ↓

Covered by scope of WEEE directive (2012/19/EU)

Attention: No later than 14 August 2015, the EU Commission will review the scope of WEEE Directive 2012/19/EU =>> scope changes possible.

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