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Dear Mr Koegler,

The European Federation of Catering Equipment Manufacturers\* (EFCEM) has consistently represented the case that commercial catering equipment is not covered under the scope of the WEEE Directive.

The Annex 1A & 1B lists make reference to household equipment.

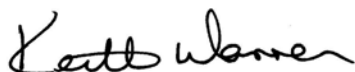
Commercial catering equipment is not used in private dwellings. Despite this, some member states have sought to include our members' equipment as 'in scope' under the term 'household'.

A recent legal case by the German authorities against a German manufacturer of commercial catering equipment was unsuccessful. It also resulted in the judge stating that there was not a requirement for the company to register his production of WEEE as the equipment should not be included under the 'household' description.

I therefore seek your confirmation that the Commission recognises this decision and that it advises member states that 'household' is not a term that should be used to suggest that commercial catering equipment is in scope.

I am available for a meeting or discussion on this matter and look forward to receiving your reply.

Keith Warren



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*\*Representing the national associations of Europe since 1969 on behalf of over 600 companies with a combined turnover of €3,600m per annum.*