

## EPSC Electronics Recycling Standard (ERS) 2019

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### **Electronics Product Stewardship Canada (EPSC) updates the Electronics Recycling Standard (ERS)**

EPSC is pleased to confirm that certification to the R2 Standard plus several Canadian requirements is our Canadian Electronics Recycling Standard (ERS).

SERI — **Sustainable Electronics Recycling International** — is a non-profit organization with a global mission- **promoting safe and sustainable electronics reuse and recycling worldwide.**

SERI is the home of the [R2 Standard](#) – the “Responsible Recycling (“R2”) Standard for Electronics Recyclers.” SERI’s focus is administering and continually improving the R2 Standard: the environmental, worker health and safety standard for the electronics recycling industry. Over 850 facilities currently are R2 certified in 35 countries.

In addition to the R2 Standard, recyclers must also comply with the following Canadian requirements:

1. Evidence of actively processing material in conformance with R2 and additional EPSC requirements.
2. No use of child or prison labour.
3. Evidence of Workers’ Compensation and general liability insurance coverage.
4. A process to notify EPRA of reportable incidents.
5. Evidence of financial assurance.
6. Evidence of the use of approved downstream recyclers.
7. Required to comply with Canadian federal import and export regulations.

### **Background:**

The ERS was first developed in 2004 by EPSC. The intent of the ERS is to ensure that end-of-life electronics collected by members or through stewardship programs are handled in a safe, environmentally sound and responsible manner.

The purpose of revising the ERS is to ensure that it meets the current needs of the stewardship programs as well as the evolving nature of electronic products and the reuse and recycling industry.