

EPSC Electronics Recycling Standard (ERS) 2015

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Electronics Product Stewardship Canada (EPSC) updates the Electronics Recycling Standard (ERS) 2015

EPSC is pleased to announce that the existing ERS has been evolved to include certification to the R2 Standard as a prerequisite. This move was taken to harmonize electronics recycling standards internationally.

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 500 facilities currently are R2 certified in 17 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.

EPRA’s Recycler Qualification Office (RQO) audits to the EPSC ERS and will continue to do so. R2 certification is now part of the verification process to become an RQO approved recycler in addition to the Canadian requirements, outlined above.

For Recyclers:

If you wish to discuss the auditing process and how your organization may be affected under **ERS 2015** please contact EPRA’s RQO at info@rqp.ca.

Background:

The ERS was first developed in 2004 by EPSC. The intent of the ERS is to ensure that end-of-life electronics collected through the provincial stewardship programs are handled in a safe, environmentally sound and responsible manner. The original ERS has been revised several times and now incorporates the internationally recognized R2 Standard. 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 recycling industry.