

Additional information from the consolidated list of wastes of the German Federal Environment Agency

The Basel entry A1180

„Waste electronic and electrical assemblies or scrap containing components such as accumulators and other batteries included on list A, mercury-switches, glass from cathode-ray tubes and other activated glass and PCB-capacitors, or contaminated with Annex I constituents (e. g. cadmium, mercury, lead, polychlorinated biphenyl) to an extent that they possess any of the characteristics contained in Annex III (note the related entry in list B, B1110)“

is included in Annex V, part1, list A to the WSR. List A is identical with Annex VIII to the Basel Convention.

Hence initially it seems to be possible to classify fluorescent tubes listed in entry 20 01 21* of the German Waste Catalogue Ordinance (AVV¹) (fluorescent tubes and other mercury containing waste), to the Basel entry A1180.

But contrary to this there are given some supplementary provisions in Annex IV part1 of the WSR, inter alia in Basel entry A1180:

Basel entries A1180 and A 2060 do not apply and OECD entries GC010 and GC020 in Annex III part II apply instead if appropriate.

In Annex III, part 2 a set of OECD entries are listed, such as the OECD Codes GC 010 (Electrical assemblies consisting only of metals or alloys) and GC020 (Electronic scrap (e.g. printed circuit boards, electronic components, wire, etc.) and reclaimed electronic components suitable for base and precious metal recovery)

In the present case none of the OECD entries mentioned is appropriate.

¹ Entries and designations of the AVV comply with those of the European list of wastes (Decision 2000/532/EC)