



## **Disposal of WEEE and meaning of the wheeled bin symbol**

In 2002, the European Union introduced the Directive on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE). The main aim of the Directive is to ensure that WEEE is collected and treated separately. WEEE may contain hazardous substances that should not end-up in the (human) environment because it can have adverse effects on it.

Furthermore, WEEE is a vast source of raw materials. With the ever rising worldwide demand for new equipment and the ever decreasing volume of raw materials in nature, letting this potential source of such materials go to waste is unacceptable.

If equipment is collected separately, the equipment can be recycled and up to 85 to 90% of the equipment can be reused as new material, saving the use of virgin raw materials and energy of producing these. Separate collection and treatment of WEEE will thus decrease CO<sub>2</sub> emissions as well.

For the above reasons, LECO expects end-users to dispose of the material in an environmentally friendly way, being separate collection and treatment.

Electrical and Electronic Equipment is labeled with the following 'crossed out wheeled bin' symbol indicating that the equipment should be disposed of, by the end-user, separate from other types of waste.

End-users should contact their dealer/distributor or our company on disposal, collection and recycling options in their country.

