

## E-WASTE TRADE: ITS CAUSES, CONSEQUENCES, AND REGULATIONS IN INDIA

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### **ABSTRACT**

*In this paper, we discuss e-waste, the trade of e-waste, the advantages and disadvantages of the e-waste trade. We also discuss the laws and regulations related to the e-waste trade at the national level in India. We find that the stockpile of e-waste has been increasing over the period both due to domestic production and the import of the e-waste. E-waste and its trade have both positive and negative effects on human health and the environment, however, the disadvantages are far more and significant than the advantages. While there are comprehensive laws and regulations at the national level in India, they are very susceptible for violation and not easily enforceable. A minuscule fraction of the total e-waste is recycled. People are not much aware of the management and end of life use of e-wastes. The conditions of workers in the e-waste recycling industry are very bad. Moreover, there is a lack of sound scientific waste management in India.*

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