

Waste
Electric and Electronic Equipment in Argentina
(WEEE)
Policy update

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I. WEEE in Argentina - generation

- The total volume of WEEE is estimated at 120,000 tons per year, or 2 kg. / capita / year.
- WEEE operators manage around 6,000 tonnes, the rest is stockpiled in homes, offices, industries, or is disposed with domestic waste.



I. WEEE in Argentina - generation

- Of the total postconsumption WEEE disposed on the sidewalks or sent to landfills, a significant part is handled by the cartoneros and scrap dealers looking for ferrous and nonferrous metals, discarding plastics, batteries, glass and printed circuits in the environment without control.

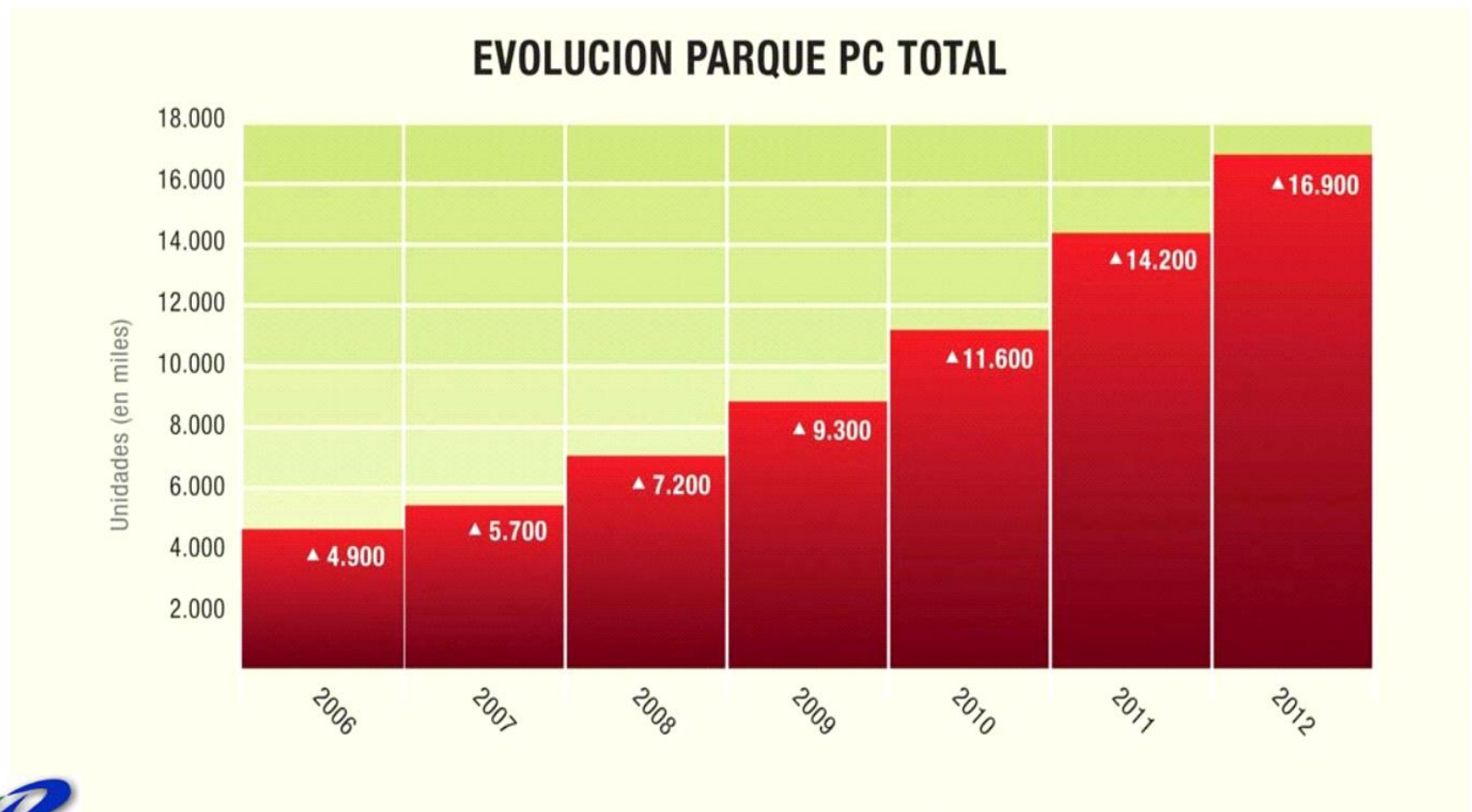


II. The computers market

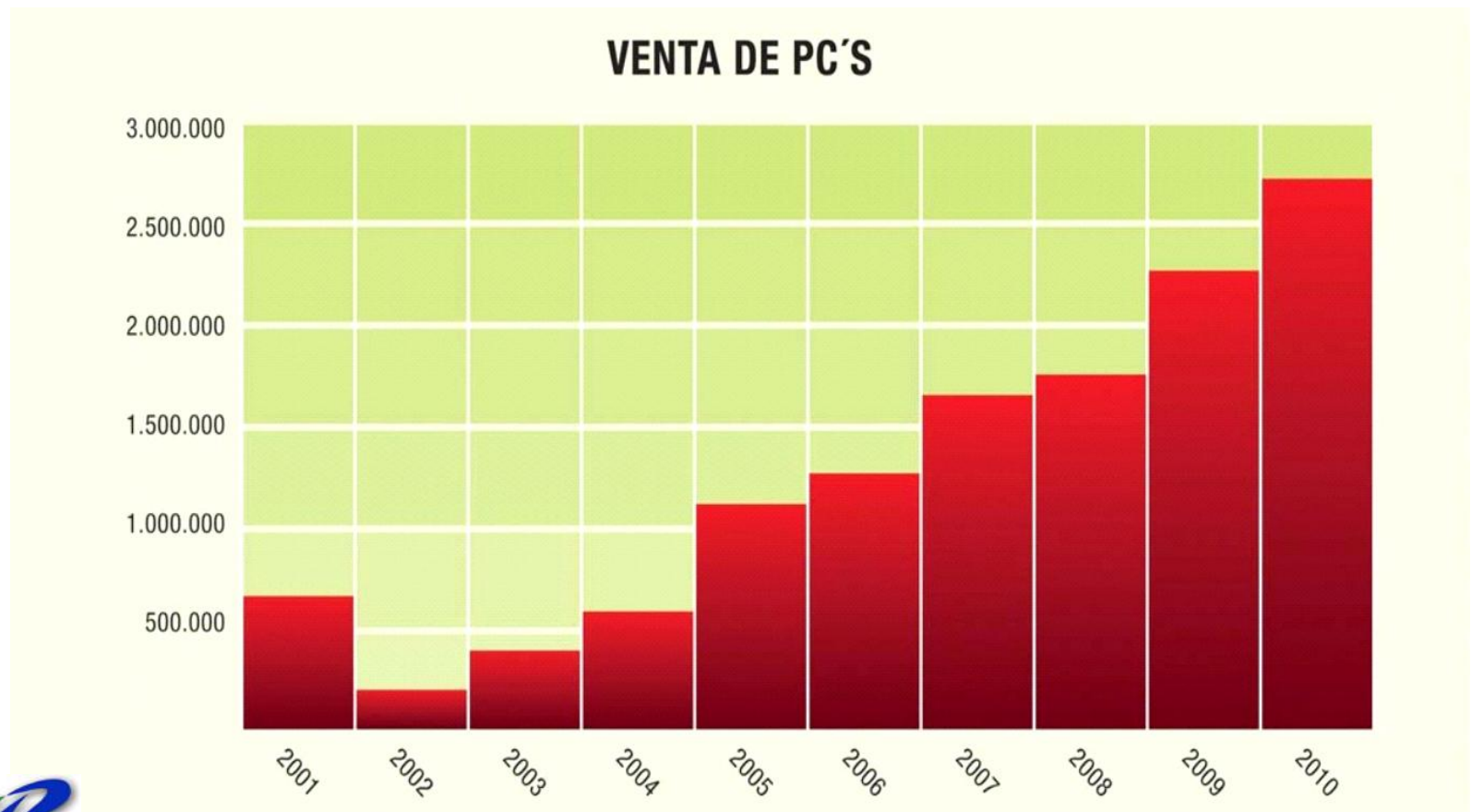
- The computers park has more than doubled. From a flat 4.9 million units in 2006, jumped to 11.6 million in 2010.
- Since 2006, 3.6 million computers were discarded.



III. PC Park Evolution

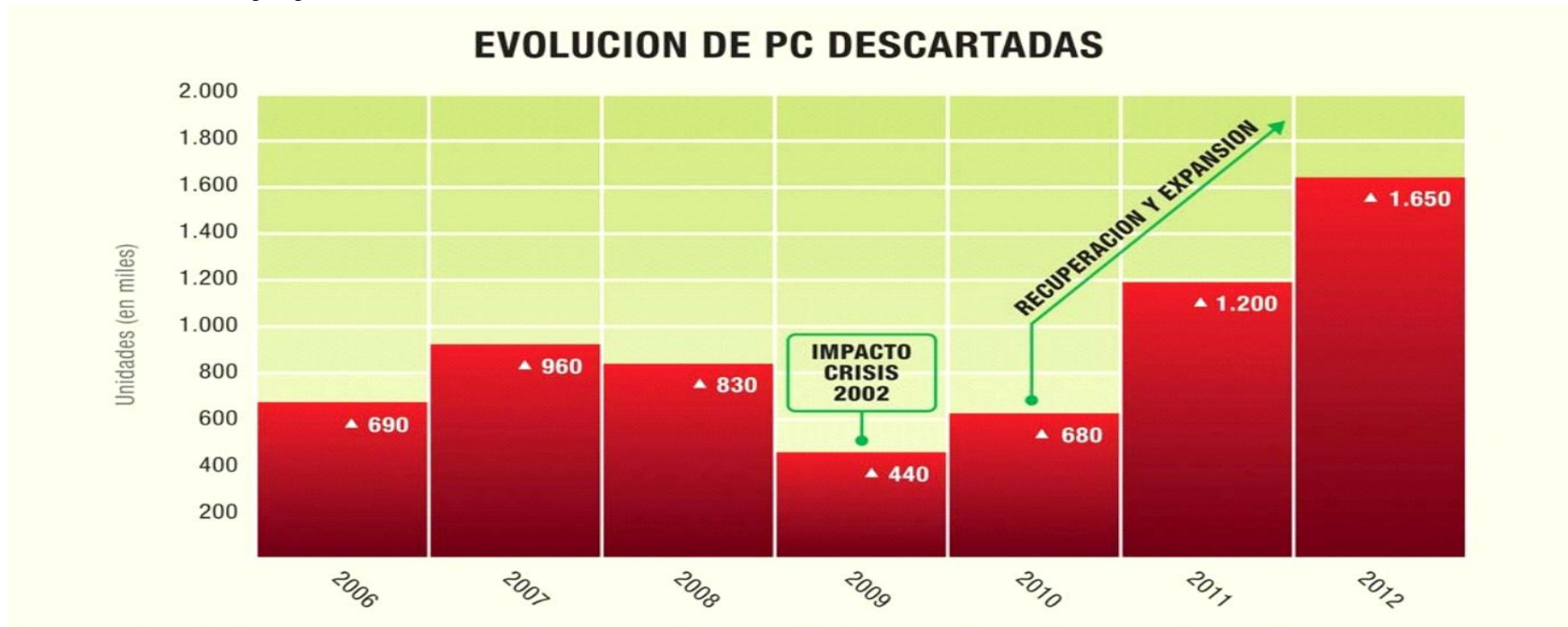


IV. Sale of PC



V. WEEE – Computers discarding

- The discarding of computers in Argentina increases every year.



VI. WEEE – cellphones and batteries

- The consumption of batteries reaches 10 units per inhabitant / year. Considering an average weight of 10 grams, the total volume of batteries is 4,000 tons per year.
- The total cellphones Park is 32.5 million lines.
- There are altogether more than 50 million mobile lines in service, which exceeds the total population.
- In this context, we can expect a large growth of discarded mobile devices in the future.



VII. Lessons Learned

- It was no possible to reach consensus in order to approve the draft National Law on Minimum Standards for Environmental Protection in the frame of the provisions of Article 41 of the Constitution, for the management of Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE) and their Waste (WEEE), treated in the Congress.
- But it is possible to think of assembling a working group



IX. Government Actions

- As regards the situation in our country, we are actually discussing certain proposed regulations relating to waste electrical and electro-electronics, and have developed some government initiatives in this area (include WEEE collection campaign and workshops, by the National Secretary of Environment and Sustainable Development + INTI/CRBAS actions, projects in preparation).
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X. Government duties and responsibilities

- Intergovernmental Commission on E Waste Management (Head of the Cabinet of Ministers, Ministry of Industry, INTI, Secretary of Environment and Sustainable Development).
- Other agencies: Ministry of social Development.
- CRBAS role: Technical assistance, enforcement, projects in preparation, workshops, capacity development.



Thanks a lot !!!

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