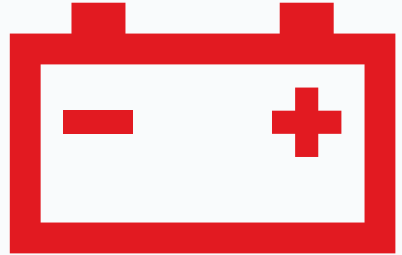


Batteries Regulations

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1. Overview

Implements European legislation designed to pass the environmental impact of end-of-life disposal of waste batteries back up the chain. In place in UK since 2010.

2. Are you affected

- If your company imports into or manufactures in the UK, batteries of any sort, you must register even if these are imported as part of other equipment – WEEE, cars etc.
- If you sell over 32kgs of portable batteries a year, you must offer free takeback of any type of portable battery.

3. Summary

- Producers are split between those that place >1 tonne per year onto the UK market (large) and those that place <1 tonne (small).
- Small producers must register annually with one of the environmental Agencies (EA, SEPA or NIEA), supplying data for the batteries placed on the market in the previous year . They have no further responsibilities.
- Large producers must register with an approved Compliance Scheme and must then pay for sufficient portable batteries to be collected to meet the targets each year.

- Targets are set by government on an incremental basis to meet the EU target of 25% collection vs what is placed on the market by the end of 2012 and then 45% by the end of 2016.
- All collected batteries must be recycled.
- For industrial and automotive batteries, there are no targets for collection as these are hazardous waste and all collected anyway. Producers must therefore just register and report data annually.
- Approximately 1,500 businesses are registered.

4. What next

At this stage, there is no review expected of these Regulations other than a potential move to try to make reporting and registration obligations more cohesive with the WEEE and Packaging Regulations.

5. More information

- Waste Batteries and Accumulators Regulations 2009
- EA Batteries Regulations website
- Department of Business Innovation and Skills.