

The Irish compliance scheme for electrical recycling

RETAILERS - Do you supply portable batteries to end users?

If so, please read this leaflet to assist you in complying with the Waste Management (Battery and Accumulators) Regulations, SI 268 of 2008.

Take Back

From 26th September 2008, you must provide conveniently located facilities for the free take back of waste batteries and/or accumulators (rechargeable batteries) from consumers, with no obligation to purchase on their behalf.

You must take back waste batteries of similar type to the type you sell; although you are not obliged to take back leaking batteries, or more than 5kg of batteries per person at any one time.

Information

Any person advertising batteries will be required, in any advertisement, to include the following text

“Waste batteries must never be placed in your waste disposal or recycling bins. There is a bin for small batteries in your local store. Battery recycling is free.”

Retailers also have obligations to display a specific A4 poster on battery/WEEE take back to be located within 1m of the point of sale (the till), or as appropriate display, of EEE and batteries. Copies of this poster are contained in the WEEE Ireland Battery Recycling Pack or can be downloaded from www.weeeireland.ie.

Information supplied with batteries should include specific information for consumers on the crossed out wheellie bin symbol, waste battery recycling and describe how batteries can be removed safely (where applicable), from any appliances supplied into which a battery or batteries have been incorporated.

Suppliers of batteries who sell via distance communication (E.g. internet, mail order catalogues etc) to end users must place a visible, legible notice on each website, catalogue, brochure or mail-shot where batteries being distributed are displayed, indicating that they take back waste batteries free of charge, and giving details of business locations where they take back.

Those who sell via telesales and telemarketing must inform consumers that they will take back waste batteries free of charge together with details of places of business where they take back waste batteries.



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