

Batteries Directive 2006/66/EC Update.

Capacity Labelling, Article 4 § 3 and Recycling Efficiency.

1. Capacity Labelling of Portable Rechargeable Batteries.

The text proposed by the Commission was adopted by the Technical Adaptation Committee. To obtain a copy of the text please contact RECHARGE's secretariat at jpwiaux@rechargebatteries.org

This Regulatory measure should be published in the OJ in October 2010, only after receiving the final approval of the EU Council and the EU Parliament.

According to the current proposal, the implementation of the capacity labelling for portable rechargeable batteries would become mandatory by April 2012 (18 months after the publication in the OJ).

2. Article 4 § 3 review.

The Commission reported to MS that a new study is necessary as final conclusions cannot be proposed after the initial stakeholder consultation.

It is anticipated that the Commission will not be able to make its recommendation by September 2010 on keeping or not the exemption for the use of Ni-Cd batteries in Cordless Power Tools.

3. Recycling Efficiency.

Written comments on a Commission's proposal have to be addressed by MS to the Commission before July 31st 2010.