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Environment, Heritage and Local Government

Implementation of Waste Management (Batteries and Accumulators) Regulations 2008 (S.I. No. 268 of 2008)

**IBEC Batteries Seminar
5 September 2008**

Structure

- I. Progress to date
- II. Work in Progress
- III. Unresolved Issues
- IV. Actions required
- V. Looking forward

Progress to date

- Directive transposed on 16 July 2008
 - S.I. No. 268 of 2008
- Registration Body approved on 18 July 2008
 - WEEE Register
- Two applications for “Approved Body” received
 - ERP Ireland
 - WEEE Ireland
- Retailer Registration
 - Data bases developed – Retailer / Distributor Registers
 - Local Authorities
 - Representative Associations
 - Released next week
- Guidance Completed
 - Retailer / Distributor
 - Consumer
 - Released following issuing of approvals to Approved Bodies

Work in Progress

- Approvals ERP & WEEE Ireland
 - Advanced stage
 - Aim to submit to Minister before the end of next week
- Amendments to WEEE Regulations exploiting synergies with Battery Regulations
 - Consultation
 - WEEE Monitoring meeting on 15 September
 - Aim to submit to Minister straight afterwards

Unresolved Issues

- **Categorisation for Reporting**
 - Voluntary harmonised approach
 - IE one of lead member states
 - TAC meets 20 October 2008 (Provisional)
 - Two options
 - Decide now and possibly change
 - Wait for EU / TAC agreement
 - First reports not required until 19 November 2008
- **Registration**
 - Harmonised approach (Art. 17 of Directive)
 - Decision to be voted on at next TAC (draft not yet circulated)
 - Some changes to IE registration may be required
- **Capacity Labelling**
 - Single market issue
 - Deadline for decision 26 March 2009
 - Come into effect 26 September 2009
- **Amendment to Batteries Directive**
 - Status of batteries on market prior to 26 September 2008
 - No impact in IE if not amended in time
 - IE has already implemented proposed amendment
 - Amending Regulations transposing amending Directive will, however, have to be made

Actions Required

- Department
 - Week ending 12 September
 - Circular to local authorities
 - Retailer Register database to
 - Local authorities
 - Representative associations (on request)
 - Approved Body approvals to Minister
 - Advertising re. Retailer Registration
 - Week ending 19 September
 - Amending WEEE Regulations to Minister
 - Week ending 26 September
 - Advertising re. free take back
 - Seminar local authority enforcement network

Actions Required

- Local authorities
 - Now
 - Establish retailer registers
 - 26 September 2008
 - Free take back of waste batteries
 - Public – portables and private automotive
 - Retailers – portables
 - Enforcement – matters relating to Retailers

Actions Required

- EPA
 - Enforcement
 - Matters relating to producers and distance sellers
 - 22 September
 - Producer registration
 - 26 September
 - Financial obligations
 - Identification of free riders
 - Placing on the EU market for first time
 - Labelling
 - Prohibited substances

Actions Required

- WEEE Register
 - Now
 - Establish Producer Register
 - 22 September
 - Issuing of Provisional Certificates of Registration to be completed
 - 14 November
 - “Black Box” to be reconfigured and tested
 - 19 November
 - Acceptance of first Battery returns

Actions Required

- Retailers
 - 15 September
 - Should be registered with –
 - Local authority
 - Approved representative association
 - 26 September
 - Free take back of waste batteries

Actions Required

- Approved Bodies
 - Now
 - Recruitment of producer members
 - Week ending 12 September
 - Approvals in place
 - Week ending 26 September
 - Roll out of collection packs completed

Actions Required

- Producers
 - Now
 - Applying for registration – WEEE Register
 - Considering
 - Approved Body
 - Self Compliance
 - » Waste Management Plans
 - » Co-operation; Approved bodies and other self compliers
 - » Agreement (e.g. geographical split)
 - » Financing clearing mechanisms
 - 22 September
 - In possession of Provisional Certificate of Registration
 - 26 September
 - Displaying Registration No. on Invoices etc
 - Financing environmentally sound management of waste batteries
 - Prohibited from placing non-compliant batteries on EU market for first time
 - 19 November
 - Submit first return – quantities placed on market in IE

Good Luck



Further Information



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