

## **Handling requirements for used batteries and accumulators<sup>1</sup>**

Regulation No 5 of the Minister of the Environment of 10 January 2008

The Regulation shall be established on the basis of the Waste Act § 29 (4) 8).

### **§ 1. Scope of Regulation**

The Regulation establishes the handling requirements for batteries and accumulators specified in § 25 (3) 1) of the Waste Act, including batteries and accumulators removed from electrical and electronic equipment and from motor vehicles (hereinafter: Waste Batteries and Accumulators).

### **§ 2. Handling of Waste Batteries and Accumulators**

(1) At the least, fluids and acids shall be removed from waste batteries and accumulators during preparation thereof for sorting, recycling or disposal.

(2) Waste not suitable for recycling, which has been created as a result of treatment of Waste Batteries and Accumulators, shall be disposed of pursuant to the Waste Act.

(3) Disposal of industrial and automotive batteries and accumulators in landfill sites and incineration thereof in waste combustion plants is prohibited.

### **§ 3. Requirements for handling and storage sites of Waste Batteries and Accumulators**

(1) A treatment and storage site for Waste Batteries and Accumulators, including a temporary storage site, in addition to complying with the conditions specified in the Waste Act, shall have:

- 1) impermeable surfaces;
- 2) weatherproof covering.

(2) Waste Batteries and Accumulators may also be stored, including temporarily, in suitable containers.

(3) A suitable container is a closed container:

- 1) where batteries or accumulators are protected against the effects of weather;
- 2) which is impermeable;
- 3) which is acid-resistant;
- 4) from which, if a container is used for initial collection of Waste Batteries and Accumulators, third parties cannot remove the batteries or accumulators placed in the container without using auxiliary devices or breaking the container.

(4) Storage, including temporary storage in a suitable container, is not subject to the requirements set out in section 1.

(5) A suitable container which is used only indoors must at least comply with the requirements set out in subsection (3) 2), 3) and 4).

#### **§ 4. Repealing of the Regulation**

Regulation No 27 “Treatment requirements for Waste Batteries and Accumulators containing dangerous substances” of the Ministry of the Environment of 26 April 2004 shall be repealed.

#### **§ 5. Entry into force of the Regulation**

The Regulation shall enter into force on 26 September 2008.

<sup>1</sup> Directive 2006/66/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators and the repealing Directive 91/157/EEC (OJ L 266, 26.09.2006, p. 1–14).

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