

Manner of and procedure for marking accumulators and batteries¹

Regulation No 64 of the Minister of the Environment of 21 December 2007

The Regulation shall be established on the basis of the Waste Act § 25 (4).

§ 1. Scope of application

The Regulation establishes the requirements for labelling batteries and accumulators specified in the Waste Act § 25 (3) 1), including batteries and accumulators contained in electrical and electronic equipment and in motor vehicles.

§ 2. Symbol indicating separate collection

(1) The producer shall put a symbol indicating separate collection on a battery, accumulator or a battery pack to be placed on the market.

(2) The symbol indicating separate collection represents a crossed-out wheeled bin and corresponds to the drawing in the Annex to this Regulation. The symbol for separate collection must cover 3% of the largest side of a battery, accumulator or battery pack or 1.5% of one-half of the external surface of a cylindrical battery, accumulator or battery pack. The size of the symbol indicating separate collection may not be larger than 5 × 5 cm.

§ 3. Chemical symbol

(1) The producer shall enter on a battery, accumulator and button cell to be placed on the market:

- 1) the symbol Hg if a battery, accumulator or button cell contains more than 0.0005% mercury;
- 2) the symbol Cd if a battery, accumulator or button cell contains more than 0.002% cadmium;
- 3) the symbol Pb if a battery, accumulator or button cell contains more than 0.004% lead.

(2) The symbol specified in subsection 1 shall be placed beneath the symbol indicating separate collection. The height of the symbol must be at least one-quarter of the height of the symbol indicating separate collection.

§ 4. Information on the capacity of a battery and accumulator

The producer shall enter on a portable battery and accumulator, and on an automotive battery and accumulator, information on their capacity.

§ 5. Other marking requirements

(1) The information which is entered on a battery, accumulator or battery pack to be placed on the market, and which is specified in § 2 (1), § 3 (1) and § 4, shall be visible, clearly legible and indelible until the battery, accumulator or battery pack has become waste.

(2) If, as a result of the size of a battery, accumulator or battery pack, the symbol indicating separate collection and the chemical symbol are smaller than 0.5×0.5 cm, the battery, accumulator or battery pack does not need to be labelled. The symbol for separate collection and the chemical symbol must be entered on the package of the battery or accumulator or battery pack. In this case, the size of the symbol shall be at least 1×1 cm.

§ 6. Entry into force of the Regulation

(1) The Regulation shall enter into force on 26 September 2008.

(2) Section 4 of the Regulation shall enter into force on 26 September 2009.

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

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