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### **What does the new battery ordinance mean to you?**

By the 26th of September 2008 a new ordinance for batteries will be implemented in Sweden. The new ordinance will put some new demands on you as a producer of batteries. You are a producer if you commercially manufacture, import, sell or transfer batteries for the first time. You are also considered a producer if you import batteries intended for your own use in your business.

### **New responsibilities for you who are considered a producer**

- Register
  - By the 26<sup>th</sup> of September 2008 all producers in Sweden must be registered in our electrical system called Batteriregistret. If you are not registered before that date you risk an environmental fee. To register go to [www.naturvardsverket.se/batteriregistret](http://www.naturvardsverket.se/batteriregistret)
- Labeling
  - By the 26<sup>th</sup> of September all batteries, accumulators and battery packs that are put on the Swedish or the European market must be marked with the crossed-out wheeled bin either on the battery or its packaging depending on size.
  - There shall be a marking on those batteries that contain the heavymetals cadmium (Cd), mercury (Hg) or lead (Pb).
- Prohibition of cadmium
  - Batteries that include cadmium are prohibited after the 26<sup>th</sup> of September 2008 on the Swedish and the European market. However, portable batteries used in emergency and alarm systems, medical equipment and cordless power tools are exempted.

**Sign up for our newsletter concerning the new battery directive**

Decisions about the final legislation will be made during late spring 2008. To get updated information about the new ordinance and EU:s directive, sign up for our newsletter at [www.naturvardsverket.se/batteriregistret](http://www.naturvardsverket.se/batteriregistret).

Remember that you as a producer are obliged to actively seek information about what laws that concern your specific business.

If you have questions concerning the implementation of the new directive, don't hesitate to contact us. More information is available at our website [www.naturvardsverket.se/batteriregistret](http://www.naturvardsverket.se/batteriregistret)

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