

Prohibitions on lead-acid batteries

What are the restricted substances in a battery?

The Battery Directive restrains the content of mercury, cadmium, and their compounds in various types of batteries. Below follows an overview of restricted substances. The Battery Directive states that batteries and accumulators that contain more than 0.0005% by weight of mercury or mercury compounds are prohibited to be placed in the EU market.

How much lead does a battery contain?

Even though lead content in batteries is not restricted, any battery that contains more than 0.004% of lead, must include the symbol "Pb" on its labeling. You can learn more about this in the "Labeling Requirements" section of this guide. The Battery Directive is implemented by the national authorities of the member states.

Should the COP update the technical guidelines for waste lead-acid batteries?

In its resolution 3/9, the United Nations Environment Assembly invited the COP to consider updating the technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management (ESM) of waste lead-acid batteries. It was recommended during the OEWG-12 face-to-face meetings that the COP should decide to update those technical guidelines.

What material is produced during the recycling of exhausted lead storage batteries?

Material obtained during the recycling of exhausted lead storage batteries. Consists primarily of oxides and sulfates of lead and lead alloys. Residue produced in lead smelting operations from the volatilisation of lead from materials smelted. Consists primarily of chlorides and oxides of antimony, arsenic and zinc.

What is the batteries regulation?

The Batteries Regulation is a new regulation that sets requirements for batteries and waste batteries placed in the EU market. It covers all types of batteries unless an exemption applies. In this guide, we explain when the regulation will begin to apply, and its differences from the prior Batteries Directive.

Are nickel cadmium batteries banned in the EU?

Under the Battery Directive, Nickel-cadmium batteries were largely banned in the EU market after 2006. Even though lead content in batteries is not restricted, any battery that contains more than 0.004% of lead, must include the symbol "Pb" on its labeling. You can learn more about this in the "Labeling Requirements" section of this guide.

What are lead-acid batteries? Lead-acid batteries, also known as storage or wet cell batteries, are used primarily in cars and other motor vehicles. Homeowners doing repair work on their cars, boats or other vehicles generate dead or "spent" lead-acid batteries when they no longer hold a charge. Lead-acid batteries contain predominantly lead and acid. The typical battery weighs ...

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The COP requested the lead countries, assisted by the Secretariat and in consultation with the SIWG, to prepare: updated technical guidelines on ESM of waste lead-acid batteries, for consideration at the OEWG-14; a draft of the technical guidelines on ESM of waste batteries other than waste lead-acid batteries for consideration during COP-17

Does it mean that Lead-acid battery (less than 5kg, sealed which is used in portable devices) is not allowed to be placed in EU market from 18/08/2024 onward? Lead-acid battery usually contains 40 to 60% Pb.

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This list contains use prohibitions of mercury and cadmium above certain thresholds in batteries and accumulators, with certain exceptions. It also captures certain labelling requirements on such products containing mercury, cadmium and lead above specified quantities. Last updated 16 December 2024. Database contains 4 unique substances/entries.

Lead-acid systems dominate the global market owing to simple technology, easy fabrication, availability, and mature recycling processes. However, the sulfation of negative lead electrodes in lead-acid batteries limits its performance to less than 1000 cycles in ...

Lead acid batteries (LABs) remain essential for storage of energy in the automotive and industrial sector, including in cars, trucks, electric vehicles and bicycles, and off-the-grid power storage associated with renewable energy like solar and wind. The continued popularity of LABs is due to their relative simplicity and affordability. In addition, waste LABs or WLABs are also highly ...

This database contains: 1/use prohibitions of mercury, cadmium, and lead in batteries; and 2/ labeling requirements for cadmium and lead, other hazardous substances (non-exhaustive list derived from CLP Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008, Annex VI, Table 3) and critical raw materials ...

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Industry leaders are concerned that EU decarbonisation targets included in the Fit for 55 package-- to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 55% by 2030-- will be impossible to meet if regulators target lead, the core material used in millions of new batteries. Lead batteries are used in applications including motor vehicles, trains, battery ...

The Consortium is calling on the Commission to find a more proportionate way of managing any residual risks resulting from use of lead compounds and lead metal in battery technologies which support the transformation to a decarbonised economy.

In addition to restrictions set out in previous directives, the new EU battery regulations mandate restrictions on substances in portable batteries, LMT, and other vehicle batteries, the regulation requires them to contain no more than 0.0005% mercury, 0.002% cadmium, and 0.01% lead.

At its fifteenth meeting, by decision BC-15/11, the COP decided to update the technical guidelines on ESM of waste lead-acid batteries and to develop a draft of the technical guidelines on ESM of waste batteries other than waste lead-acid batteries for consideration during COP-16. For more information, please refer to the Technical Guidelines.

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