

To whom it may concern

WEEE and RoHS Regulations EU Battery Directive

The Technical Adaptation Committee (TAC) under the WEEE and RoHS Directives concluded in their December 17, 2003, meeting that batteries are specifically not covered by the RoHS Directive (2011/65/EU) and WEEE (2012/19/EU) as it is regulated by Battery Directive (2006/66/EC) and amendment (2013/56/EU).

Conclusions:

- The marketing restriction, as provided for in the RoHS Directive, on new equipment containing mercury, lead and cadmium does not apply to batteries used with or incorporated in electrical and electronic equipment.
- The WEEE Directive applies to spent batteries collected together with WEEE and requires their removal and separate collection. Once removed from WEEE, spent batteries are governed by the Battery Directive. Therefore, batteries containing lead with a mercury content of no more than 2% by weight can be used in electrical and electronic equipment after 1 July 2006. This applies to individual cells, battery packs or batteries attached to the equipment (i.e., soldered to parts of the equipment).


For reference, please refer to:

EU Commission WEEE FAQ section 3.5:

<https://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/weee/pdf/faq.pdf>

DIRECTIVE 2011/65/EU section (14)

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2011:174:0088:0110:EN:PDF>

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