

RETAILERS OF BATTERIES – ARE YOU COMPLIANT WITH THE BATTERY REGULATIONS?

Do you supply*

- Portable batteries (AA, AAA, D cell, C cell, 9V and/or button cells for household use);
- Toys (with batteries included);
- Electrical goods such as: televisions, torches, power tools, cameras, novelty gifts or other small household electrical items that contain batteries;

If so, you have obligations under the Battery Regulations.

What are my main obligations as a retailer?

- ✓ Register your premises with your local authority or check out free registration through one of the approved compliance schemes: (WEEE Ireland, www.weeeireland.ie or ERP Ireland, www.erp-recycling.ie).
- ✓ Source all your battery stock only from registered producers (suppliers). Check if your suppliers are registered producers at www.weeeregister.ie.
- ✓ Display the correct A4 statutory notices to inform your customers of free take back of waste batteries for recycling. Notices can be downloaded from www.batteries-enforcement.ie
- ✓ Provide free take-back of waste batteries (only similar to type sold). **Note:** purchase of new batteries is not necessary for a customer to avail of free take-back.
- ✓ Retailers are obliged to inform customers of free waste battery take-back.

The EPA is rigorously enforcing the Battery Regulations, in conjunction with the local authorities. A programme of unannounced inspections, complaint investigation and surveillance is ongoing.

Non-compliance may lead to legal action including prosecution.

Further information may be found at www.batteries-enforcement.ie or e-mail batteries@epa.ie or Lo call 1890 33 55 99.

** This list is non-exhaustive*