

The new Battery Regulation

Implementation of extended obligations

Objective of the new Regulation

On 17 August 2023, the new Battery Regulation entered into force, which will apply from 18 February 2024. It contains new and significantly broader sustainability standards and repeals the previously applicable Battery Directive 2006/66/EC.

New battery categories

The Battery Regulation continues to cover all batteries, battery modules and battery cells. In addition, it defines new battery types, for each of which different obligations and transparency standards apply.

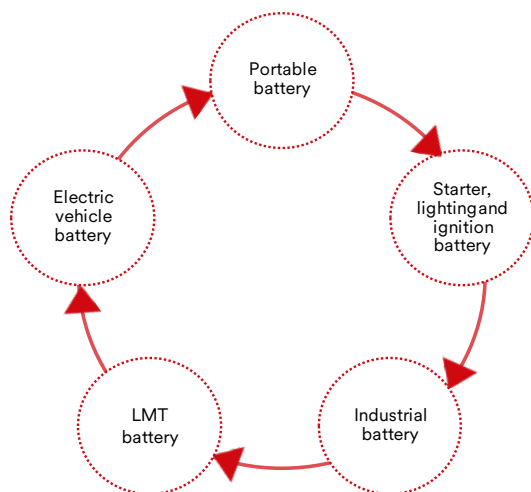


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Extended catalogue of obligations

The new Regulation addresses the typical economic operators in the supply chain, who have to fulfil significantly extended obligations according to their respective proximity to production. The extended requirements now cover the entire life cycle of a battery and contain, for instance, requirements for performance and durability and simplified replacement options for consumers, as well as stricter labelling requirements – in particular, batteries must also bear the CE marking in the future. In

addition, there are requirements on the minimum content of recycled materials and on minimum quantities of materials recovered from waste batteries.

Introduction of the battery passport

The Battery Regulation also introduces the digital battery passport, which is intended to enable extensive exchange of information. The **digital battery passport** is to contain a wide range of information, including, among other things, the service life, charging capacity, material composition and recycled content of the battery. Extensive access to further information, e.g. on dismantling and part numbers of spare parts, shall be granted to companies such as repair shops or second-life users, while access for the general public shall be limited to basic information.

New due diligence obligations

As the steadily growing demand for batteries also increases social and environmental risks, the Battery Regulation now also provides for far-reaching requirements for the **supply chain due diligence** of economic operators.

These due diligence requirements include, among other things, the implementation of a management system and the conducting of appropriate risk assessments.

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