



GENERAL INFORMATION ON WASTE BATTERY LEGISLATION

The hazardous nature of waste batteries means that they are governed by many different kinds of legislation to ensure safe storage, handling, transportation and recycling. If you generate waste batteries then you must be familiar with the relevant legislation and must use compliant collection and recycling companies to dispose of your waste.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

- The Waste Batteries and Accumulators Regulations 2009
- The Batteries and Accumulators (Placing on the Market) Regulations 2008
- The Hazardous Waste Regulations 2005 – England and Wales
- The Special Waste Regulations 1996 (Scotland); The Special Waste Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2004; The Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2011
- The Hazardous Waste Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005
- The Environment Protection Act 1990, Part II
- The Environmental Protection (Duty of Care) Regulations 1991
- The Controlled Waste (Registration of Carriers and Seizure of Vehicles) Regulations 1991
- The Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment Regulations 2009
- ADR – European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road
- The Classification, Labelling and Packaging Regulations 2010
- The Transfrontier Shipment of Waste Regulations 2007
- Landfill Regulations 2002
- Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2012
- Waste (England & Wales) Regulations 2011

GENERAL GUIDANCE FROM G & P

The waste producer is responsible for the description of the waste and its disposal. It is therefore extremely important that the types of batteries for collection are adequately and accurately described.

G & P Batteries is committed to helping businesses meet their responsibilities towards battery waste. The company has specialist knowledge of the legal issues surrounding the disposal of waste batteries and a strong social and environmental policy that ensures, wherever possible, that all waste is recycled not only compliantly but also in the most cost effective manner.

The regulations affecting the storage, transport and disposal of waste batteries are enforced by the Environment Agency (EA) in England and Wales, the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency in Scotland (SEPA) and the Environmental and Heritage Service in Northern Ireland (EHSNI).

As a producer of waste batteries you have a duty of care to ensure that such waste is correctly stored on your premises and that it is being transported compliantly to its final destination for disposal or recycling. You must be able to prove that you have considered the waste hierarchy and checked the credentials of your waste collection and disposal company for full compliance with all current legislation. G & P meets all the required criteria, giving you peace of mind that by using our company you are meeting the necessary legal requirements. Further details of specific pieces of legislation and copies of our current licences can be downloaded from our website.