




TAKE-BACK OBLIGATION BATTERIES

Is your company subject to this legislation?

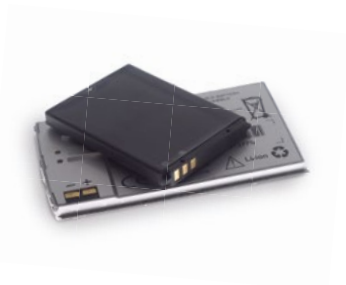


DO YOU MANUFACTURE OR IMPORT BATTERIES AND/OR PRODUCTS CONTAINING BATTERIES AND DO YOU PUT THEM ONTO THE BELGIAN MARKET ?

THEN YOU ALSO HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO FULFIL WHEN THE BATTERY IS END-OF-LIFE.

A growing number of products come with one or multiple batteries. Just think of greetings cards with music, clothing, e-cigarettes, (sports) watches, gadgets and other electric appliances for domestic or professional use. Then there are also electrically powered vehicles such as electric bicycles/scooters/steps/hoverboards, ... and hybrid and electric vehicles but also stationary batteries for energy storage (power banks, UPS, solar panels, ...). **Batteries are literally everywhere.**

Odds are that your company is importing (or manufacturing) batteries and putting them onto the Belgian market. In that case the **take-back obligation** applies. The latter is the result of the European Battery Directive 2006/66/EC that was transpositioned in our federal and regional legislations.



Everyone who imports (or manufactures) batteries (separately or built-in) and sells/leases/ makes them available in Belgium is considered a 'manufacturer' under this legislation and has a legal obligation to:

- **register**
- **declare** the number of batteries sold
- **raise public awareness** and take the necessary **preventative measures**
- set up an extensive collection system for **discarded batteries**, not just for the batteries they themselves put onto the market but also to accept discarded batteries from other manufacturers/importers that are handed in. Even non-customers can hand in discarded batteries in any shop.
- have the collected batteries **processed** by a recycler who meets the provisions of all 3 regional legislations
- prove that the recycler meets the minimum **level of recycling efficiency** imposed by Europe and regional legislations
- **report to the 3 governments** on the above obligations

ARE YOU CERTAIN YOU ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THIS LEGISLATION?

Bebat has developed a **useful tool** to help you verify this. The easiest way to carry out this quick and simple test is via:

<https://info.bebat.be/en/check-take-back-obligation>



HOW CAN I MEET THIS LEGISLATION?

There are two **ways to meet this legislation**. The first is to submit an individual waste prevention and management plan to the regional authorities for approval. The second is for your company to become a participant of Bebat vzw.

Bebat will fulfil your obligations so your (large or small) business doesn't have to worry about a thing.

WHAT CAN BEBAT DO FOR YOU?

Bebat:

- fulfils your regional **registration** obligation
- organises **extensive awareness campaigns** and takes the necessary **preventative measures**
- takes care of the collection*: Bebat operates more than 24,000 collection points
- **gives advice** at collection points on how to handle batteries
- **provides free means of collection***
- takes care of **recycling** with proof of **recycling efficiency***
- submits regional **reports** to the competent governments
- provides **safe** transportation, storage and processing*

Bebat offers tailor-made solutions for batteries > 20kg (for lead batteries > 3 kg) subject to an administrative fee.

WHAT DO WE NEED YOU TO DO FOR US?

All you need to do is **to declare** the number of batteries put onto the Belgian market on our online platform myBatbase. You can declare the number of batteries once a year (> 10,000 batteries) or once a month (≤ 10,000 batteries).

* for batteries subject to an environmental contribution. This is the case for all batteries ≤ 20kg (for lead batteries ≤ 3kg).



WHAT ARE THE RATES?

You pay an **annual fee** of €60 (VAT excl.). In addition you pay an overall **environmental contribution** for batteries ≤ 20kg (for lead batteries ≤ 3kg) and an **administrative contribution** for batteries > 20kg (lead batteries > 3kg). In the latter case Bebat will discuss with you how to organise the collection and recycling of these waste batteries.

Go to <https://www.bebat.be/en/contributions> for our rates.

WHAT IF I DON'T COMPLY?

It's best to comply as soon as you start manufacturing or importing (separate or built-in) batteries and putting them onto the Belgian market. If you do this later you will have to pay **retroactive contributions**. The regional authorities also check so-called free riders.

Please address all your questions regarding Bebat membership to participants@bebat.be or call 016/76.88.91

AS AN END SELLER DO I HAVE TO REGISTER AS A BEBAT COLLECTION POINT?

If you sell batteries to end users (consumers or companies) this means you are subject to the take-back obligation. The easiest way to comply is by becoming a free Bebat collection point.

You can register at <https://mybebat.bebat.be/login#register>

We will also provide you with safe means of collection, entirely free of charge.

Please address all your questions regarding collection to collection@bebat.be or call 0800/97.521



Companies who are not just looking for a Belgian but also a European solution for their legally organised collection network for end-of-life batteries, or possibly batteries destined for reuse, can also rely on Bebat thanks to the **RENEOS platform** (see www.reneos.eu).

As a compliance organisation Bebat vzw is also a **member of EUCOBAT** aisbl (www.eucobat.eu) and maintains good relations with its sister organisations throughout the EU. We work with certified processors and recycling companies and always guarantee the optimum technological solution for the recycling of all battery types.

**PLAY IT SAFE
AND LET US FULFIL YOUR
TAKE-BACK OBLIGATION.**

