

The take-back obligation

A clear overview of all legal obligations concerning waste batteries, including professional batteries (> 20 kg) and lead-acid batteries (> 3 kg).

The legal obligations in a nutshell

As a **producer or importer** of batteries and/or appliances with batteries on the Belgian market, you are responsible for the proper **collection and recycling** of waste batteries. This **'take-back obligation'** entails a series of obligations that you can take care of yourself. However, there is a simpler way to tackle this: via Bebat.



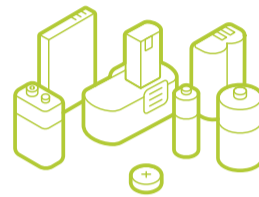
For collection and recycling, **20 kg** is an important limit. Batteries weighing < 20 kg are collected by Bebat via the collective circuit of collection points.

> 20 kg industrial batteries and > 3 kg lead-acid batteries require a **tailored solution**.

Which batteries are we talking about exactly?

All batteries are subject to the take-back obligation. There are 3 main categories:

1. portable batteries



Button or coin cells, battery packs, AA batteries

2. automotive batteries



Starter batteries

3. industrial batteries

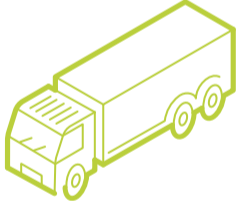


Domestic batteries, electric - hybrid vehicles, ...

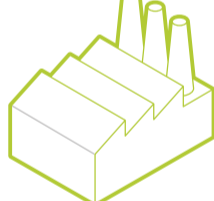
You can read more about the [types of batteries](#) here >

Not sure what kind of battery it is? This [decision tree](#) will help you!

Who must comply with the take-back obligation?



Import



Produce



Sell/rent/own use

Anyone who imports or manufactures batteries (separately or built-in) and sells/rents/makes them available in Belgium is considered to be a "producer" by the legislator and must therefore comply with the obligations.

Are you not sure whether you are subject to the take-back obligation? [Take the test](#) and it will become clear!



3,400 companies

Did you know?

More than **3,400** companies are already counting on Bebat to meet their take-back obligation.

Can we relieve you of your worries too?

Feel free to [contact us](#) for an answer to all your questions and tailored solutions for your damaged, defective or discarded > 20 kg batteries.

What exactly do you have to do?

1

Register



You need to register with the 3 regional authorities in our country. And later also report to them about your collection and recycling.

2

Collect



The legislator expects you to set up a comprehensive collection system for waste batteries, including removal and transport.

3

Recycle



Collected batteries must be properly processed by an approved recycling company with proof of recycling efficiency.

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legal obligations

Under the heading of 'take-back obligation' there are a series of legally required to-do's that you must deal with. We zoom in on 7 of them.



1. Register

Step one: your registration with the 3 regional authorities in Belgium. You must then inform these authorities of your plan of action and later, of your efforts.



2. Submit your declaration

You must indicate to the authorities which batteries you place on the market.



4. Organise collection

All batteries must be collected and transported safely, professionally and by the book, by approved collectors and, if required, in an ADR-compliant manner.



3. Awareness-raising & prevention

The legislator expects you to raise consumer awareness about the conscious use of batteries. And that you bring as many batteries with a long lifespan on the market as possible.



6. Demonstrate recycling efficiency

For recycling, you need to look for an approved specialist company that can provide proof of its recycling efficiency.



5. Recycle

Batteries must be carefully sorted before they are recycled. Industrial batteries are often dismantled and/or prepared for reuse or a second life.



7. Report

If you meet all the obligations yourself, you must also report to the authorities on:

- how you organise your take-back obligation logistically
- how you ensure that the batteries reach the recycler, including all intermediate steps and partners. And provide the necessary figures.

How can it be simpler? With Bebat!

The easiest and most cost-effective way to fulfil your take-back obligation?
Join Bebat! All you still need to do is:

- Declare your sold batteries on the myBatbase platform
- Pay the necessary contributions
- If necessary, enter into an additional individual agreement for the collection and recycling of your defective or discarded > 20 kg batteries.

Join Bebat now in a few simple steps!