

Your obligations as a Battery Producer

- If your business places more than one tonne of portable batteries onto the UK market in a year, you must join a Battery Compliance Scheme (BCS) such as REPIC by 15th October prior to each compliance year. You will need to provide registration information about your company and the battery products it places on the market, which has to be signed by a director or company secretary (or relevant authorised person of a partnership or individual). REPIC's straight forward compliance scheme member registration process will guide you through this.
- Declare your battery producer registration number to any distributor or business end user that you supply your batteries to. This number is provided to you when you first register as a producer.
- Meet the requirements set out in the Batteries Regulations (Placing on the Market) 2008, as amended. These include battery labelling requirements and chemistry restrictions.
- Where you are registered with a BCS:
 - Notify your BCS of any changes to your registration information within 28 days of the change.
 - Provide details of your Producer Identification Mark (PIMs).
 - Calculate and provide information on a quarterly basis of the amount, in tonnes, of portable batteries that you have placed on the market in each of three chemistry types. This information will determine your waste portable battery financing obligation.
 - You must finance the cost your BCS incurs in collecting and treating waste portable batteries, or otherwise finances, on your behalf. This obligation is calculated as 45% of the average tonnage of portable batteries you place on the market in the compliance year in question plus the preceding two years.
 - Your BCS will register your business with the appropriate environment agency, as well as provide them with relevant information about the batteries your business has placed on the market and details of the waste batteries they collect and deliver for treatment and recycling to an approved treatment facility on your behalf.
- Producers of industrial and automotive batteries also have waste battery financing obligations but only as a backstop in the event the collection and treatment of waste batteries are not financed through the normal operation of markets. This means you are not required to join a BCS and instead must register directly with the Office for Product and Safety Standards by 31st March of each year. If your business however is a portable battery producer as well, you only need one registration and can register as an industrial and/or automotive battery producer through your portable battery compliance scheme.

- Retain records pertaining to your producer obligations for a period of four years from the date that they are produced.
- If your business places less than one tonne of portable batteries onto the UK market in a year, you must register with the Environment Agency by 31st January each year and pay the annual registration fee. You need to report details of the tonnage of portable batteries you placed on the UK market but you do not need to register with a BCS nor make any financial contribution to collection, treatment or recycling of waste batteries.

If you provide batteries professionally to an end-user you will also be classed a distributor and must comply with these obligations separately.