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OPSS Enforcement on Battery Regulations

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Who are OPSS?



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- OPSS – Part of the Department for Business & Trade.
- Supporting businesses to invest, grow and export, creating jobs and opportunities.
- We protect people and places from product-related harm.
- Enable trade and growth by ensuring consumers and businesses can buy and sell products with confidence.



Who are OPSS?



- [Consumer products: your safety and protection](#)
- [Business regulation: guidance and tools](#)
- [Product safety for businesses: A to Z of industry guidance](#)
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12 April 2024 — Guidance [Product Recalls and Alerts](#)

Information on OPSS product safety alerts, reports and recalls for unsafe products and resources for consumers, businesses and regulators.



22 January 2024 — News story [OPSS takes enforcement action over dangerous e-bike battery](#)

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OPSS Delivery Report 2022-2023

27 February 2024 — News story [Print and digitally designed OPSS Delivery Report now available](#)

The Delivery Report 2022-23 outlines Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) activity and achievements in fulfilling its duties.

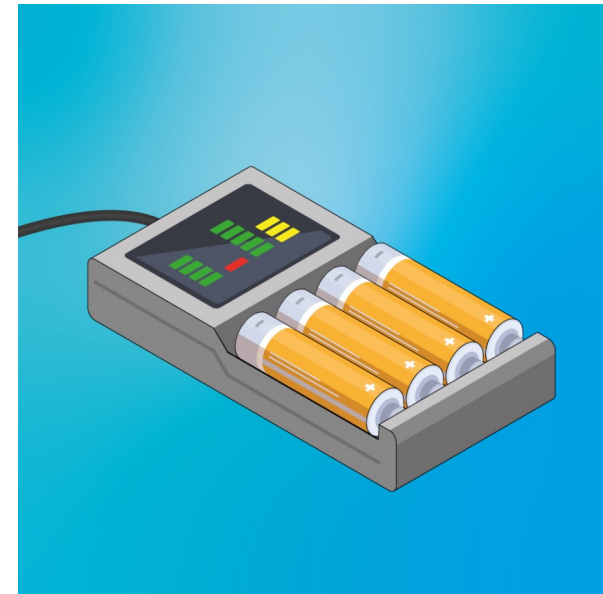


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What do we do?

OPSS main responsibilities:

- National regulator for product safety.
- National regulator for legal metrology.
- National regulator for construction products.
- Hallmarking.
- Primary Authority.
- Standards and accreditation.
- Energy standards.
- Environmental regulations.





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What do we do?



Department
for Environment
Food & Rural Affairs

Environmental Regulations for Defra:

- Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE)
- Waste Industrial & Automotive Batteries
- Waste Portable Batteries take-back.
- Restrictions of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)





What do we do?

OPSS & Batteries:

- Product Safety – National Regulator with Trading Standards.
- National Safety alerts and enforcement action – e.g. e-bikes and e-scooters
- Safety Studies – e.g. Second-life Batteries in Battery Energy Storage Systems
- Public and private electric vehicle charge points
- Batteries Placed on the Market
- Waste Batteries



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Batteries Environmental Regulations

The Batteries and Accumulators (Placing on the Market) Regulations 2008



SCAN ME

The Waste Batteries and Accumulators Regulations 2009 (Parts 4 and 5)



SCAN ME

What do the Regulations achieve?

Protect and preserve the environment by:

- Making it compulsory to **collect and recycle** batteries and accumulators.
- Preventing batteries and accumulators from **being incinerated or disposed of in landfill**
- Restricting the **substances** used in the manufacture of batteries and accumulators.





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Battery Producer Definition

You are a battery producer if you have a UK business presence and you are the first person in your selling chain to make batteries available for supply or sale on the UK market, this also includes those already in appliances, or vehicles.



OPSS operate in a number of areas:

- Vehicle manufacturing
- Battery energy storage
- Light means of transport
- Automotive battery manufacturing
- Portable battery manufacturing
- Toy manufacturing
- Utility metering



The Batteries and Accumulators (Placing on the Market) Regulations 2008

- Restriction on the use of mercury and cadmium in batteries
- Labelling obligations to promote recycling
- Prohibition of batteries that do not meet the requirements
- Capacity labelling and performance
- Removability of batteries



The Waste Batteries and Accumulators Regulations 2009 (Part 5)

National Packaging Waste Database

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<https://npwd.environment-agency.gov.uk>

If you are a producer of industrial and or automotive batteries, you must:

- ✓ register via the National Packaging Waste Database
- ✓ collect automotive waste batteries from final holders if requested
- ✓ publish details of how end final holders may request collection of automotive batteries
- ✓ take back waste industrial batteries from end-users if requested
- ✓ publish details of how end-users may request take-back of industrial batteries
- ✓ ensure that all waste batteries are treated by an Approved Battery Treatment Operator or Approved Battery Exporter



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The Waste Batteries and Accumulators Regulations 2009 (Part 4)

Distributors (retailers) of portable batteries must:

Provide in-store take-back facilities for waste portable batteries, free of charge to the public.

Provide end-users with information about the take-back facility (e.g. at the sales point).

Accept all types of waste portable batteries when requested by the end user

Small distributors <32kg per annum are exempt





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The Future...

- ✓ Ongoing market surveillance to identify emerging issues employing a risk-based approach to interventions
- ✓ EU Battery regulations in Northern Ireland – working with Defra and DEARA to support implementation
- ✓ GB battery consultation – working with Defra to shape the future regulatory landscape

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OPSS will continue to engage with stakeholders

- ✓ Battery expo attendees
- ✓ Trade bodies
- ✓ Industry sectors
- ✓ Business reference panel
- ✓ Consumers
- ✓ Other government agencies
- ✓ Trading standards
- ✓ Ports and borders
- ✓ Science and technology developers





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Thank you.

We are here to **help you**, so please do
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