

## Batteries and accumulators directive (2006/66/EC)

### Full title

Directive 2006/66/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 September 2006 on batteries and accumulators, as well as waste batteries and accumulators and repealing Directive 91/157/EEC

### Pictures



### Previous edition

Council Directive 91/157/EEC of 18 March 1991 on batteries and accumulators dangerous contain substances

### Scope

(Article 2(1) and Article 3)

This directive applies to all types of batteries and accumulators, regardless of their shape, volume, weight, composition or use. It applies without prejudice to Directives 2000/53/ EC and 2002/96/EC.

For the purposes of this directive, the following definition applies:

- 'battery' or 'accumulator': source of energy obtained by direct conversion of chemical energy electrical energy, consisting of one or more primary (non-rechargeable) battery cells or from one or more secondary (rechargeable) battery cells.

### Exceptions (Article 2(2))

This regulation does not apply to batteries and accumulators used in:

- equipment used in connection with the protection of essential interests related to the security of the Member States, weapons, ammunition and war materials, with the exception of products not intended for specific military purposes;
  - equipment intended to be sent into space.
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## Symbol

(Article 21 and Annex II including Directive 2013/56/EU)

All batteries, accumulators and battery packs are provided with the following symbol:



## Comments

Various amendments have been made to the text of the Batteries and Accumulators Directive.

The latest consolidated version can be found on the EUR-Lex site.