



## WEEE & RoHS Directives Impact on CSB Valve Regulated Lead-Acid Batteries Statement.

After the publication of two new EU Directives in the Official Journal, dated from 13-02-2003,

- "WEEE" Directive 2002/96/EC [Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment]
- "RoHS" Directive 2002/95/EC [Restriction of certain Hazardous Substances]

CSB batteries has been asked, how this new two Directives will Impact CSB Valve Regulated Lead -Acid Batteries.

Battery marketing has been regulated by "EU Battery Directive 91/157/EEC", since 1991. Battery Directive 91/157/EEC specifically mentions in its article 9: *"Member States may not impede, prohibit or restricts the marketing of batteries and accumulators covered by this Directive [...]"*.

This is confirmed by the RoHS Directive which explicitly mentions in recital 9 that it applies without prejudice to the Battery Directive. This means that the Battery Directive remains applicable to batteries even when used in appliance falling within the scope of the RoHS Directive.

Reference information:

The marketing restriction, as provided by RoHS directive, on new equipment containing, eg. Lead *"Does not apply to Batteries"*, used with or incorporated in electrical and/or electronic equipment.

WEEE Directive applies to spend Batteries collected together with WEEE and requires their removal and separate collection. *"Once removed from WEEE spend batteries are governed by the Battery Directive"*.

Therefore:

... Batteries containing Lead [...] can be used in Electrical and Electronic equipment after 1-07-2006, this applies to individual cells, battery packs, or battery attached to the equipment (i.e. soldered to parts of the equipment).

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Reference: EPBA/New Directive WEEE Issues Batteries\_RoHS