

FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, YOUTH AND THE FAMILY

Ordinance issued by the Federal Minister for  
the Environment, Youth and the Family  
dated .....  
governing the Return of Batteries and Accumulators  
and Restrictions on Harmful Substances contained therein

The following ordinance is issued on the basis of art. 7, paras. 2, 3 and 8 of the Waste Management Law, Federal Law Gazette No. 325/1990 in agreement with the Federal Minister for Economic Affairs:

**Application**

Art. 1 (1) The following trade restrictions apply to batteries and accumulators, in particular zinc carbon, alkaline manganese, lithium, zinc air, mercury oxide and silver oxide batteries as well as nickel cadmium and lead accumulators (starter batteries).

**Obligation to accept Batteries**

Art. 2. All persons engaged in selling batteries or accumulators are obliged to take back scrap batteries and accumulators - even when the deliverer is not a buyer - if these correspond in type, shape and size to those sold by them.

**Restrictions on Harmful Substances**

Art. 3 (1) Zinc carbon batteries may only be sold if the mercury content does not exceed 0.001% and the cadmium content 0.001%.

(2) Alkaline manganese batteries may only be sold if the mercury content does not exceed 0.025% and the cadmium content 0.001%.

**Date Ordinance comes into effect**

Art 4 (1) This ordinance shall come into effect on 1st September 1990 unless stated otherwise in para. 2.

(2) Article 3 shall come into effect on 1st January 1991.