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Committee

EPBA Stakeholder meeting
COMMON STATEMENT
*Conclusions of participants*¹

The EPBA hosted an informal stakeholder workshop in Brussels on 27th September. Representatives from diverse organizations impacted by the Battery Directive proposal came to the following conclusions on key Directive issues.

Substances Restrictions

There is need for a socio-economic impact assessment and an environmental risk assessment on the effect of banning Mercury, Cadmium and in particular Lead used in all portable batteries.

Portable Battery Collection Targets and Streams

The portable battery collection target must be achievable either in grams or in percentages. An adequate transitional period needs to be taken into account in order to ensure the efficiency of the battery collection system. Finally that targets need to be subjected to modulation in order to take into account the specific situation per Member State.

Responsibilities should be distributed among all parties involved in the battery waste management chain, since no single party can ensure that the portable battery collection target is reached. The collection system must be cost effective and not give rise to any additional environmental burden.

Financing of collection

There is a need for making the cost transparent between economic operators in order to avoid free riders on the system. The Member States should decide on whether the fee is visible directly through to the consumer or not. Whatever system applied, the fee must be transparent as well as auditable.

Consumer information

Any Public awareness campaign aimed at increasing the awareness of consumers on the end of life of any consumer products should include messages to increase the collection of portable batteries. Producers are willing to provide *technical* expertise.

¹ European Information, Communications and Consumer Electronics Technology Industry Associations (EICTA), Permanent European Horological Committee (CPHE), European Hearing Instrument Manufacturers' Association (EHIMA), European Medical Technology Industry Association (EUCOMED), Association of European Storage Battery Manufacturers (EUROBAT), Japan Business Council for Europe (JBCE), Toy Industries of Europe (TIE) and the European Portable Battery Association (EPBA).