

# COLLECTION OF WASTE PORTABLE BATTERIES

**The 2006/66/EC Batteries Directive requires waste portable batteries to be collected and recycled:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> target until 2012: 25% of batteries placed on market
- 2<sup>nd</sup> target until 2016: 45% of batteries placed on market

**Only 18 EU Member States are reaching the 45% target!**



People keeping used batteries at home



Recycling of appliances without removing the battery



Batteries lost from being exported outside the EU



Life span of a battery



Complexity of collection

**Calculation methodology based on sales for setting targets under the Batteries Directive does not reflect the market realities**

**What is the proposed way forward for the revision of the Batteries Directive?**

**Collection targets should be based on what's available for collection!**

This method would take into account the collected waste batteries minus the batteries which are exported abroad the EU either in appliances (EEE) or in electronic waste (WEEE)

The current calculation is based on three-year average sales which does not reflect the realities of the portable battery market.

The revision of the Batteries Directive should look into the methodology to calculate the collection targets for waste portable batteries.