

## SUSTAINABILITY FACTSHEET

## **Batteries Directive – Waste batteries**

As a producer or importer of batteries, Canon is a member of recycling systems for waste batteries and accumulators in each European Union (EU) member state it operates in. We also meet our obligations to report and finance battery collection and treatment.

## **Batteries Directive**

The EU Directive on Batteries and Accumulators and Waste Batteries and Accumulators (2013/56/EC) ("Directive") was released in 2008 and is law in all EU member states and the UK as The Waste Batteries and Accumulators Regulations 2009. It aims to increase the recycling of waste batteries and accumulators to reduce their environmental impact.

Our customers can return used batteries from their Canon products to a municipal collection site or registered take-back point.

**Information for customers – EU, UK and EEA (Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein)** The symbol below indicates that the batteries and accumulators used in this product are to be disposed of separately from household waste in accordance with the Directive and local requirements.

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If a chemical symbol is printed beneath the symbol shown above, this indicates that a heavy metal (mercury, cadmium or lead) is present in this battery or accumulator at a concentration above an applicable threshold specified in the Directive.

Batteries and accumulators must not be disposed of as unsorted municipal waste. Users of batteries and accumulators must use the available collection framework for the return, recycling and treatment of batteries and accumulators.

If a Canon product contains non-removable batteries, the entire product is already covered by the <u>EU WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) Directive and</u> <u>UK WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations) 2013</u>, and should be handed over to an authorised collection site for WEEE. The collection site will then take the appropriate measures for the recycling and treatment of the product, including the batteries.



Customer participation in the collection and recycling of batteries and accumulators is important to minimise any potential effects of batteries and accumulators on the environment and human health due to substances used in batteries and accumulators.

**In the EU and UK**, there are separate collection and recycling schemes for batteries and accumulators. To find out more about recycling schemes for batteries and accumulators available in your area, please contact your local city office, waste authority or waste disposal facility.

## Additional information for Germany:

Used batteries can be returned free of charge to retail stores. Customer participation in the collection and recycling of batteries is important to minimize any potential effects of batteries on the environment and human health due to substances used in batteries, particularly through the risks involved in handling batteries containing lithium.