




# Procedure file

Basic information	
<p>COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Directive</p> <p>2008/0081(COD)</p>	Procedure completed
<p>Environment: batteries and accumulators, placing on the market and waste minimisation</p> <p>Amending Directive 2006/66/EC <a href="#">2003/0282(COD)</a></p> <p>Subject</p> <p>3.70.12 Waste management, domestic waste, packaging, light industrial waste</p> <p>3.70.13 Dangerous substances, toxic and radioactive wastes (storage, transport)</p> <p>3.70.20 Sustainable development</p>	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Environment, Public Health and Food Safety		06/05/2008
		IND/DEM <a href="#">BLOKLAND Johannes</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
Council of the European Union	 Industry, Research and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	 Internal Market and Consumer Protection	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
European Commission	<a href="#">Environment</a>	<a href="#">2898</a>	20/10/2008
	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	<a href="#">Environment</a>	DIMAS Stavros	

Key events			
16/04/2008	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2008)0211</a>	Summary
08/05/2008	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
03/06/2008	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
09/06/2008	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	<a href="#">A6-0244/2008</a>	
09/07/2008	Results of vote in Parliament		
09/07/2008	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	<a href="#">T6-0344/2008</a>	Summary

20/10/2008	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
19/11/2008	Final act signed		
19/11/2008	End of procedure in Parliament		
05/12/2008	Final act published in Official Journal		

### Technical information

Procedure reference	2008/0081(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
	Amending Directive 2006/66/EC <a href="#">2003/0282(COD)</a>
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 091-p1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/6/62418

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(2008)0211</a>	16/04/2008	EC	Summary
Committee draft report	<a href="#">PE407.594</a>	21/05/2008	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A6-0244/2008</a>	09/06/2008	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">T6-0344/2008</a>	09/07/2008	EP	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	<a href="#">CES1204/2008</a>	09/07/2008	ESC	
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	<a href="#">SP(2008)4891</a>	27/08/2008	EC	
Draft final act	<a href="#">03664/2008/LEX</a>	19/11/2008	CSL	

### Additional information

National parliaments	<a href="#">IPEX</a>
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>

### Final act

[Directive 2008/103](#)  
[OJ L 327 05.12.2008, p. 0007](#) Summary

## Environment: batteries and accumulators, placing on the market and waste minimisation

**PURPOSE:** to clarify Directive 2006/66/EC so that batteries and accumulators that were legally placed on the market anywhere in the Community before 26 September 2008 and which do not comply with the Directive can remain on the Community market after this date.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council.

**BACKGROUND:** article 6(2) of Directive 2006/66/EC sets out that batteries and accumulators that do not meet the requirements of the Directive should not be placed on the market or should be withdrawn from it. This provision could be understood to require that batteries lawfully placed on the market before 26 September 2008, still on the market after this date, and not meeting the requirements of this Directive,

also need to be withdrawn from the market.

If the provision of the Directive is read as above, it would mean that a considerable amount of batteries that were legally placed on the market become waste prematurely. This would be contrary to the principle of waste minimisation. This could also result in appliances becoming waste prematurely. Withdrawing these batteries from the market or making them compliant with the Directive would also cause increased administrative burden both for the Member States and for industry.

CONTENT: this proposal aims at modifying Article 6(2) of Directive 2006/66/EC. It makes it clear that batteries must not be placed on the Community market after 26 September 2008 if they do not comply with Directive 2006/66/EC. If they happened to be placed on the market after this date, they need to be withdrawn from the market. The proposal thus clarifies that batteries lawfully placed on the market before 26 September 2008 and which are on the market after this date and yet do not comply with Directive 2006/66/EC, do not have to be withdrawn from the market or relabelled after this date. By clarifying this provision the proposal provides legal certainty on this matter.

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The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety adopted a report drafted by Johannes BLOKLAND (IND/DEM, NL) and approved the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2006/66/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators as regards Article 6(2) on placing batteries and accumulators on the market.

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The European Parliament adopted, by 679 votes to 8 with 4 abstentions, a legislative resolution amending the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2006/66/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators as regards Article 6(2) on placing batteries and accumulators on the market. The report had been tabled for consideration in plenary by Johannes BLOKLAND (IND/DEM, NL), on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. The amendments were two minor drafting changes and were result of a compromise between Parliament and Council.

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PURPOSE: to clarify Directive 2006/66/EC so that batteries and accumulators that were legally placed on the market anywhere in the Community before 26 September 2008 and which do not comply with the Directive can remain on the Community market after this date.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Directive 2008/103/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2006/66/EC on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators as regards placing batteries and accumulators on the market.

CONTENT: having reached agreement with the Parliament at first reading, the Council adopted a Directive clarifying the provisions of Directive 2006/66/EC to the effect that batteries or accumulators which do not meet the requirements of that Directive may not be placed on the Community market after 26 September 2008.

The Directive points out that batteries which were legally placed on the market before that date and which do not comply with Directive 2006/66/EC will not have to be withdrawn from the market or relabelled.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 05/12/2008.

TRANSPOSITION/ 05/01/2009.