

INFORMATION SHEET – New Reporting Categories for Batteries from 01. January 2026

Regulation (EU) 2023/1542 ('EU Battery Regulation') replaces the previous Batteries Directive and governs the entire life cycle of batteries. It introduces five harmonised battery categories across the EU to standardise reporting, labelling and take-back. Starting in the reporting year 2026, the quantities placed on the market in Austria must be reported according to these five categories and additionally according to chemical composition.

Reporting categories – previous vs. current (from 2026)

Period (of placing on the market)	Categories
until 31 Dec 2025 <i>(including your year-end report for 2025)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portable batteries • Vehicle batteries* • Industrial batteries
from 01 Jan 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portable batteries • Light means of transport (LMT) batteries • Starting, lighting and ignition (SLI) batteries* • Electric vehicle (EV) batteries • Industrial batteries

*The previously reported category 'Vehicle batteries' becomes 'Starting, lighting and ignition (SLI) batteries' from 2026.

Chemistries in reporting (from 2026)

In addition to the categories, a subdivision into 5 different chemical compositions is necessary:

- Lithium
- Lead
- Nickel-cadmium
- Nickel-based
- Others: All other chemical compositions that are not explicitly listed, such as alkali manganese, zinc-carbon, zinc-air, sodium-ion, etc.

Explanations of the reporting categories

Portable batteries

'portable battery' means a battery that is sealed, weighs 5 kg or less, is not designed specifically for industrial use and is neither an electric vehicle battery, an LMT battery, nor an SLI battery.

Portable batteries of general use (subcategory of portable batteries)

'portable battery of general use' means a portable battery, whether or not rechargeable, that is specifically designed to be interoperable and that has one of the following common formats 4,5 Volts (3R12), button cell, D, C, AA, AAA, AAAA, A23, 9 Volts (PP3).

Light means of transport (LMT) batteries

'light means of transport battery' or 'LMT battery' means a battery that is sealed, weighs 25 kg or less and is specifically designed to provide electric power for the traction of wheeled vehicles that can be powered by an electric motor alone or by a combination of motor and human power, including type-approved vehicles of category L within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 168/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council (43), and that is not an electric vehicle battery.

Starting, lighting and ignition (SLI) batteries

'starting, lighting and ignition battery' or 'SLI battery' means a battery that is specifically designed to supply electric power for starting, lighting, or ignition and that can also be used for auxiliary or backup purposes in vehicles, other means of transport or machinery

Industrial batteries

'industrial battery' means a battery that is specifically designed for industrial uses, intended for industrial uses after having been subject to preparation for repurposing or repurposing, or any other battery that weighs more than 5 kg and that is neither an electric vehicle battery, an LMT battery, nor an SLI battery.

Electric vehicle (EV) batteries

'electric vehicle battery' means a battery that is specifically designed to provide electric power for traction in hybrid or electric vehicles of category L as provided for in Regulation (EU) No 168/2013, that weighs more than 25 kg, or a battery that is specifically designed to provide electric power for traction in hybrid or electric vehicles of categories M, N or O as provided for in Regulation (EU) 2018/858.

What does this mean for you?

- From 2026 onwards, please report the batteries placed on the market according to the five categories and chemisms.
- Once the EU Battery Regulation Accompanying Act comes into force, it is planned that all manufacturers will be required to participate in a collection and recycling system for all battery categories and that at least the respective reporting obligations will be transferred to these systems.

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