

## **PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR BATTERIES AND ACCUMULATORS AND ITS IMPLICATION TO ELKER GROUP'S MEMBER COMPANIES**

**In Finland the producer responsibility for batteries and accumulators will enter into force 26 September 2008. New producer responsibility concerns companies that put on the market batteries, accumulators or electrical and electronic equipment containing a battery or an accumulator.**

The scope of the directive for batteries and accumulators is wide. It basically applies to all batteries and accumulators regardless of their shape, capacity, weight, composition or purpose of use and corresponding used batteries and accumulators. It applies to batteries and accumulators that are in electrical and electronic product and vehicles. Batteries and accumulators must be marked with a symbol indicating separate collection by 26 September 2008.

Producers of batteries and accumulators are required to declare by the end of August 2008 to Pirkanmaa Regional Environment Centre for their operation to be registered to their producer register.

All member companies have been e-mailed a link to a form with which members can notify Elker Oy of their producer responsibility for batteries and accumulators.

### **Changes in reporting**

Starting 1 October 2008 member companies need to report batteries and accumulators put on the Finnish market. From the last reporting period of 2008 (1 Oct - 31 Dec 2008) onwards the weights of electrical and electronic products are reported without the weight of the battery or accumulator included in the product.

Batteries and accumulators are not divided into B2B and B2C products in the reporting. All batteries and accumulators including batteries and accumulators in electrical and electronic products need to be reported in the quarterly consumer product reports. Consequently also companies that produce only B2B EE-equipment and put batteries and/or accumulators on the Finnish market need to report the batteries and accumulators in quarterly consumer product reports.

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