

MEGHALAYA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD



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PUBLIC NOTICE

ATTENTION: Assemblers, Re-conditioners, Dealers, Recyclers, Auctioneers, Consumers and Bulk Consumers involved in manufacture, processing, sale, purchase and use of Lead Acid Batteries or components thereof.

In pursuance to the Notifications No. S.O. 432 (E) dated 16th May 2001 and No. S.O. 1002 (E) dated 4th May 2010 of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi, notifying the Batteries (Management and Handling) Rules, 2001 and the Batteries (Management and Handling) Amendment Rules, 2010 respectively, under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board (MSPCB), as the Prescribed Authority, hereby brings to the notice of all concerns the following important provisions of the Rules for their compliance:-

DEFINITIONS:

“Assembler”	a person who manufactures lead acid batteries by assembling various components
“Auctioneer”	a person(s) who auctions used lead acid batteries or their components
“Bulk consumer”	a consumer such as the Departments of Central Government (like Railways, Defence, Telecom, Posts and Telegraph, etc.), the Departments of State Government, the Undertakings, Boards and other agencies or companies who purchase hundred or more than hundred batteries per annum
“Consumer”	a person using lead acid batteries excluding bulk consumers
“Dealer”	a person who sells and receives lead acid batteries or their components to and from the consumers or other dealers or retailers on behalf of the manufacturers, importers, assemblers and reconditioners or otherwise
“Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM)”	manufacturer of equipment or product using lead acid batteries as a component
“Reconditioner”	a person involved in repairing of lead acid batteries for selling the same in the market
“Recycler”	an occupier who processes used lead acid batteries or components thereof for recovering lead



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“Registered recycler” a recycler registered with the Ministry of Environment and Forests for reprocessing used lead acid batteries or components thereof

RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONSUMERS

1. To ensure that used batteries are not disposed of in any manner other than by depositing with the dealer, Registered Recycler or reconditioner.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF BULK CONSUMERS

1. To ensure that used batteries are not disposed of in any manner other than by depositing with the dealer/ manufacturer/ Registered Recycler/ importer/ reconditioner or at the designated collection centres.
2. **To file half-yearly return in Form – I to the MSPCB latest by 30th June and 31st December of every year.**
3. To auction used batteries to Registered Recyclers only.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF ASSEMBLERS AND RECONDITIONERS

1. To ensure that used batteries are collected back against new batteries sold except those sold to Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) and bulk consumers.
2. To ensure that used batteries collected back are of similar type and specifications as that of new batteries sold.
3. To ensure that used batteries collected are sent only to the Registered Recyclers.
4. To ensure that necessary arrangements are made with the dealers for safe transportation of used batteries to the premises of the Registered Recyclers.
5. To ensure that no damage to the environment is caused during storage and transportation of used batteries.
6. To buy recycled lead only from Registered Recyclers.
7. To inform the MSPCB or the Ministry of Environment and Forests of any violation by the dealers.
8. To create public awareness on hazards of lead and responsibility of consumers to return their used batteries only to the dealers.
9. **To file half-yearly return of their sales and buy-back to the MSPCB in Form – I latest by 30th June and 31st December of every year.**

RESPONSIBILITIES OF DEALERS

1. To ensure that used batteries are collected back against new batteries sold.
2. **To give appropriate discount for every used battery returned by the consumer.**
3. To ensure that used batteries collected back are of similar type and specifications as that of new batteries sold.
4. To ensure safe transportation of collected batteries to the Registered Recyclers.
5. To ensure that no damage to the environment is caused during storage and transportation of used batteries.
6. **To register themselves with the MSPCB by submitting application in Form – IV.**



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7. **To file half-yearly return of the sale of new batteries and buy-back of old batteries to the manufacturer and to the MSPCB in Form – V latest by 31st May and 30th November of every year.**
8. Registration is liable for cancellation for failure in collection of the required number of used batteries and non-submission of timely half yearly returns to the MSPCB.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF RECYCLERS

1. To apply for registration to the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India by submitting information in Form – VI.
2. To ensure strict compliance of the terms and conditions of registration.
3. To submit annual returns as per Form – VII to the MSPCB.
4. To make available all records relating to receipt of used batteries, sources, quantities and metal yield to be submitted to the MSPCB for inspection.
5. To mark “Recycled” on lead recovered by reprocessing.
6. To create public awareness on hazards of lead and responsibility of consumers to return their used batteries only to the dealers.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF AUCTIONEERS

1. To ensure that used batteries are auctioned to the Registered Recyclers only.
2. **To file half-yearly returns of their auctions to the MSPCB in Form-IX latest by 30th June and 31st December of every year.**
3. To maintain a record of such auctions and make these records available to the MSPCB Board for inspection.

IMMEDIATE NECESSARY ACTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN BY ALL CONCERNS TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE SAID RULES.

DEFAULTERS ARE LIABLE FOR ACTION UNDER THE ENVIRONMENT (PROTECTION) ACT, 1986.

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