



Re-Bat Nonprofit Org. - Coordinating Organization of  
Waste Battery and Accumulator Recollection

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## ABOUT US

Re-Bat Nonprofit Organization was established in 2005 by ATC-TRADE Corp. what is one of the biggest battery importeur companies now in the Hungarian market.

Re-Bat collects batteries in Hungary (AAA (R3), AA (R6), C (R14), D (R20), 4,5V (3R12), 9V (6F22) and small accumulators for example made of NiMH) from end consumers according to 181/2008 (VII.8) Regulation of Government about recollection of waste batteries and accumulators and order 21/2008 declared by the Hungarian Ministry of Environment and Water. 181/2008 was changed in July of 2009. From that time all trading companies which trade with batteries and accumulators have to solve the problem of recollection of a percentage of their battery trade. Re-Bat supports to do that.

## RATES OF RECOLLECTION

Re-Bat collected the undermentioned percentages of more than 540 tons of dead batteries and accumulators in :

2005	7%
2006	10%
2007	13%
and in 2008	18%
estimated percentage for 2009 is	19% and it will be rising.

Member States have different rates of recollection. There is a strong effort to harmonise these quantities in the EU and the main aim is to reach 25% as a minimum limit of recollected waste batteries and accumulators in 2012 and 45% in 2016.

Re-Bat has more than 4 000 collector points in Hungarian schools, petrol stations and so on and would like to expand the number of collectors with about a thousand year by year. (You can search in the full list of current recollection-stalls here: [http://www.rebat.hu/public/choose\\_county.php](http://www.rebat.hu/public/choose_county.php)) These collector points are built-in freely and collection is also free of charge. Partners only have to inform our colleagues in time that the box is full and need to be unloaded.

## WHO IS A PRODUCER?

*(12) 'producer' means any person in a Member State that, irrespective of the selling technique used, including by mean of distance communication as defined in Directive 97/7/ EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 1997 on the protection of consumers in respect of distance contracts (1), places batteries or accumulators, including those incorporated into appliances or vehicles, on the market for the first time within the territory of that Member State on a professional basis;*

*(13) 'distributor' means any person that provides batteries and accumulators on a professional basis to an end-user;*

*(14) 'placing on the market' means supplying or making available, whether in return for payment or free of charge, to a third party within the Community and includes import into the customs territory of the Community;*



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(15) 'economic operators' means any producer, distributor, collector, recycler or other treatment operator;<sup>1</sup>

#### **HUNGARIAN LEGISLATION:**

- Waste Management Act, 2000
- 9/2001 (IV.9.) Regulation of Ministry of Environment and Water
- 109/2005 (VI.23) Regulation of Government about registration for producers
- 181/2008 (VII. 8.) Regulation of Government about recollection of waste batteries and accumulators
- 21/2008 (VIII.30.) Regulation of Ministry of Environment and Water about waste management of batteries and accumulators

#### **HOW TO MEET YOUR OBLIGATIONS?**

The aim of Re-Bat Nonprofit Organization is to coordinate collection of waste batteries and accumulators in Hungary. Joining to the system of Re-Bat is the most economic and comfortable way of meet your obligations.

#### **SERVICES OF RE-BAT:**

- Recollection of required percentage of spent batteries and accumulators
- Managing necessary administration
- Representation of interest
- Regular monitoring of updated regulations
- Establishing new recollection points
- Always being in contact with Ministries and other authorities

As a consequence of 181/2008 (VII.8.) Regulation of Government about recollection of waste batteries and accumulators from 1st of July, 2009 distributors have to take back waste portable batteries or accumulators at no charge when supplying portable batteries or accumulators and if it is defaulted would be sanctioned.

Some importeurs choose the way of financing the costs of public information campaigns on the collection, treatment and recycling of waste portable batteries with an amount based on their imported quantities of these products.

Since the main aim is to rise percentage of recollected batteries and accumulators and minimise the negative impacts on the environment, above mentioned costs may be lower for more active partners to motivate them and promote the collection of waste batteries.

These financial sources can support the establishment of recollection-points all over the country and transportation of collected waste without any freight cost. This system makes sure that waste batteries and accumulators are not mixed with other kind of wastes.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2006:266:0001:0014:EN:PDF>



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## RECYCLING

Member States are required to promote research and encourage improvements in the environmental performance of batteries through their life-cycle.

Re-Bat Nonprofit Organization started to solve the question of recycling in 2007 what was the first effort in Hungary. We are aware that these processes make more expensive this system but it is a strong belief it will be more effective way for protecting our environment.

## USEFUL LINKS FOR YOUR INTEREST

<http://www.rebat.hu>

<http://vam.gov.hu/welcomeEn.do>

<http://www.ktm.hu/>

[http://europa.eu/legislation\\_summaries/environment/waste\\_management/121202\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/legislation_summaries/environment/waste_management/121202_en.htm)

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<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2008:076:0039:0040:EN:PDF>

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2008:327:0007:0008:EN:PDF>

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2008:262:0039:0039:EN:PDF>

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