

Evaluation of the Directive 2006/66/EC

Initial results of the evaluation study

No 9: Second use – re-use / preparation for re-use

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1. Definitions of “re-use” and “preparing for reuse” in the WFD

- “Re-use” is “any operation by which products or components that are **not waste** are used again for the **same purpose** for which they were conceived.” (Art. 3(13) WFD)
- “Preparing for re-use” is “checking, cleaning or repairing recovery operations, by which products or components of products that have become **waste** are prepared so that they can be re-used without any other pre-processing.” (Art. 3(16) WFD)

2. Initial conclusions

- No definitions for re-use, preparing for re-use or second use in the Batteries Directive.
- Applying the WFD to batteries:
 - Batteries for re-use are not waste.
 - Batteries prepared for re-use are waste for recovery.
 - Batteries for re-use for any purpose other than the intended purpose when placed on the market (e.g. batteries from e-vehicles used as energy storage in households) do not fall within the definition for re-use according to the WFD.
- Unclear how re-used batteries should be reported.
- Unclear who takes producer-responsibility for second use and re-used batteries.

3. Discussion



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- Is the current system in the Directive enough to deal with this new situation?
- Are current general definitions for “second use,” “re-use” and “preparing for re-use” in the WFD sufficient?
- Is the producer responsibility system established by the Directive adequate for second use of batteries?

Thank you for your attention!



Any further questions?

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