

THE VISIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL FEE FOR BATTERIES

“The Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is an environmental policy approach in which a producer’s responsibility for a product is extended to include the post-consumer stage of a product’s life cycle.”

Advantages of the visible environmental fee



Environment

A visible environmental fee, indicating the collection and recycling costs, ensures that economical and cost related elements are not the sole driving factors in the management of the waste batteries.



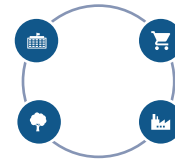
Consumers

Invoice the net costs related to the collection and recycling of the waste batteries separately, without a profit margin of the different steps in the distribution chain.



Authorities

A visible fee on the invoices of the economical actors simplifies the market surveillance activities.



Economic actors

The visible fee limits the impact on existing commercial relations between economical actors involved in the distribution of new batteries.

“Eucobat proposes that Member States be allowed to require a visible compliance fee to be mentioned on invoices from producers to purchasers of batteries.”

The visible compliance fee shall include all costs for collection, sorting, treatment, monitoring, reporting, communication, sensibilisation and management incurred by the producers or by third parties acting on their behalf.

The costs mentioned shall not exceed the best estimate of the actual costs incurred. The mandatory visible compliance fee applies only to batteries for which producers actively organize collection.

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