Environment: batteries and accumulators, placing on the market and waste minimisation

2008/0081(COD) - 19/11/2008 - Final act

PURPOSE: to clarify Directive 2006/66/EC so that batteries and accumulators that were legally placed on the market anywhere in the Community before 26 September 2008 and which do not comply with the Directive can remain on the Community market after this date.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Directive 2008/103/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2006/66/EC on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators as regards placing batteries and accumulators on the market.

CONTENT: having reached agreement with the Parliament at first reading, the Council adopted a Directive clarifying the provisions of Directive 2006/66/EC to the effect that batteries or accumulators which do not meet the requirements of that Directive may not be placed on the Community market after 26 September 2008.

The Directive points out that batteries which were legally placed on the market before that date and which do not comply with Directive 2006/66/EC will not have to be withdrawn from the market or relabelled.

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