Batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Hans BLOKLAND (EDD, NL) and made several amendments to the Commission's proposal. (Pease see the summary dated 06/04/04.) In addition: - Responsibility for funding of the management of historical waste should be shared by all existing producers by way of collective funding schemes to which all producers, existing on the market when the costs occur, contribute proportionately; - the Directive shall also to the appliances in which batteries and accumulators are incorporated in so far as concerns marketing, marking and battery removal requirements; - Member States shall ensure that batteries and accumulators cannot be incorporated into appliances (with certain exceptions) unless they can be readily removed, when spent, by the end-user. All appliances in which batteries and accumulators are incorporated shall be accompanied by instructions showing how they can be removed safely and, where appropriate, informing the user of the content of the incorporated batteries and accumulators; - Member States shall ensure that, where the mercury, lead or cadmium parts of batteries and accumulators cannot, after processing, be recycled into new batteries, such parts are finally disposed of in dedicated landfill cells in authorised hazardous waste landfills, with appropriate environmental protection guarantees; Finally, Member States shall ensure that producers set up recycling schemes for spent batteries and accumulators collected in accordance with the provisions of this directive, using the best available techniques that do not entail excessive costs.