AMENDMENT

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S.O. 958(E) lets battery producers print the EPR registration number as a barcode or QR code or on the brochure, and says when Cd or Pb marking does not apply.

S.O. 958(E), A NOTIFICATION OF the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change dated February 24, 2025, makes the Battery Waste Management Amendment Rules, 2025, amending Schedule I, paragraph (2) of the Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022. The rules come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

THE CHANGE

In Schedule I, paragraph (2) of the Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022: clause (ia) no longer applies to packaging covered under rule 26 of the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011; a new clause (ib) lets producers fulfill clause (ia) by a barcode or QR code containing the Extended Producer Responsibility registration number, or by printing the number on the product information brochure; and under clause (v), marking of the chemical symbol ‘Cd’ or ‘Pb’ is not applicable where Cadmium in the battery is less than or equal to 0.002% or Lead less than or equal to 0.004% by weight.

KEY FACTS

TYPE
Amendment

S.O. NUMBER
S.O. 958(E)

DATED
February 24, 2025

APPLIES FROM
On the date of their publication in the Official Gazette (rule 1(2)); no calendar date is printed

REFERENCES

S.O. 958(E)

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A proviso to clause (ia) says that it shall not apply to packaging covered under rule 26 of the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011. A new clause (ib) lets producers fulfill the requirements of clause (ia), subject to providing the information in writing to the Central Pollution Control Board, by printing a barcode or Quick Response code containing the Extended Producer Responsibility registration number on the battery or battery pack, on equipment having one, on the packaging of either, or on bulk packaging not for retail sale, or by printing the number on the product information brochure. The Board publishes a consolidated list of such producers, “who have provided the information to it on the centralised online portal”, and updates their details every quarter.

A proviso to clause (v) says that marking of chemical symbol ‘Cd’ or ‘Pb’ is not applicable where Cadmium in the battery is less than or equal to 0.002% (20 parts per million) or Lead less than or equal to 0.004% (40 parts per million) by weight. The notification does not reprint clauses (ia) and (v) themselves.

The notification (F. No. 12/36/2019-HSMD) appears in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii), No. 950, dated February 24, 2025. Its Note records that the principal rules were published by S.O. 3984(E) dated August 24, 2022 and amended by S.O. 4669(E) dated October 25, 2023, G.S.R. 190(E) dated March 14, 2024, S.O. 2374(E) dated June 20, 2024 and S.O. 5210(E) dated December 3, 2024.

S.O. number	S.O. 958(E)
Dated	February 24, 2025
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Rule	Battery
Type	Amendment
Amends	Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022
Products	• Battery or battery pack • Equipment having battery or battery pack

What it does	In Schedule I, paragraph (2) of the Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022: clause (ia) no longer applies to packaging covered under rule 26 of the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011; a new clause (ib) lets producers fulfill clause (ia) by a barcode or QR code containing the Extended Producer Responsibility registration number, or by printing the number on the product information brochure; and under clause (v), marking of the chemical symbol 'Cd' or 'Pb' is not applicable where Cadmium in the battery is less than or equal to 0.002% or Lead less than or equal to 0.004% by weight.
Applies from	On the date of their publication in the Official Gazette (rule 1(2)); no calendar date is printed
Conditions	• A producer using clause (ib) provides the information in writing to the Central Pollution Control Board, which publishes a consolidated list of such producers, "who have provided the information to it on the centralised online portal", and updates their details every quarter (the proviso's words). • The notification does not reprint clauses (ia) and (v) themselves.
Applies to	Producers of batteries under Schedule I, paragraph (2) of the Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022.
Issued under	Sub-section (1), clauses (v) and (vii) of sub-section (2) of section 3; sub-section (1), clauses (c) and (d) of sub-section (2) of section 6; section 8; and clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 25 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986)
Signed by	VED PRAKASH MISHRA, Jt. Secy.

The notification, entry by entry

Entry	Text
Schedule I, paragraph (2), clause (ia): proviso inserted	Provided that the provisions of this clause shall not apply to packaging covered under rule 26 of the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011.
Schedule I, paragraph (2): clause (ib) inserted after clause (ia)	(ib) producers may fulfill the requirements of clause (ia), subject to providing the information in writing to the Central Pollution Control Board, — A. print a barcode or Quick Response code containing the Extended Producer Responsibility registration number on — (a) battery or battery pack; or (b) equipment having battery or battery pack; or (c) packaging of battery or battery pack; or (d) packaging of the equipment having battery or battery pack; or (e) bulk packaging of batteries or battery packs, not for retail sale; B. print the Extended Producer Registration number on the product information brochure;

Clause (ib): proviso	Provided that the Central Pollution Control Board shall publish a consolidated list of such producers, who have provided the information to it on the centralised online portal and update their details every quarter.
Schedule I, paragraph (2), clause (v): proviso inserted	Provided that marking of chemical symbol ‘Cd’ or ‘Pb’ is not applicable where the metal concentration of Cadmium in the battery is less than or equal to 0.002% (20 parts per million) or Lead in the battery is less than or equal to 0.004% (40 parts per million) by weight.

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