

## **Approval of the List of Products which Cause Damage to the Environment as Waste and whose Production, Import, Export, Sale and Use is Prohibited**

Regulation No. 99 of 16 March 1999 of the Government of Estonia

Pursuant to section 6(1) of the Waste Act (RT I 1998, 57, 861; 88, rectification; 1999, 10, 155; 23, 353) and having regard to Council Directives 76/769/EEC on restrictions to placing on the market and use of certain hazardous substances and products (OJ L 262, 27.09.1976), 96/59/EC on disposal of polychlorinated biphenyls and polychlorinated terphenyls (OJ L 243, 24.09.1996) and 91/157/EEC on batteries and accumulators containing certain hazardous substances (OJ L 78, 26.03.1991), adapted to technical progress by EC Directive 98/101/EC (OJ L 1, 5.01.1999), the Government of Estonia hereby establishes:

1. to approve the “List of Products which Cause Damage to the Environment as Waste and whose Production, Import, Export, Sale and Use is Prohibited” (attached);
2. prohibition of the use of products included in the list approved by this Regulation shall not be applied until 31 December 2010 in relation to products that have been taken into use before the date of effect of this Regulation and that meet, until the end of their use, the technical requirements and standards imposed on them, are in good working order, do not leach and do not release hazardous chemicals contained in them into the environment in any other way;
3. sections 2 and 3 of the list approved by section 1 of this Regulation shall take effect on 1 July 2001.

**Prime Minister Mart SIIMANN**

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Approved

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of the Republic of Estonia

### **LIST OF PRODUCTS WHICH CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE ENVIRONMENT AS WASTE AND WHOSE PRODUCTION, IMPORT, EXPORT, SALE AND USE IS PROHIBITED**

The production, import into and export from Estonia, sale and use of the following products shall be prohibited:

1. Products that contain industrial chemicals listed in the List of Prohibited Chemicals whose Treatment is Strictly Restricted, approved by Regulation No. 6 of 5 January 1999

of the Government of Estonia, "Approval of the Procedure for Import and Export of Prohibited Chemicals whose Treatment is Strictly Restricted" (RT I 1999, 5, 70).

2. Alkaline manganese batteries containing more than 0.0005 % of mercury by weight, with the exception of button cells and batteries composed of button cells containing less than 2 % of mercury by weight.

3. Appliances in which batteries are rigidly fixed and cannot be readily removed by the user after their exhaustion, containing:

- 1) more than 25 mg of mercury per cell;
- 2) more than 0.025 % of cadmium by weight;
- 3) more than 0.4 % of lead by weight.

On the condition that the appliances are accompanied by instructions informing the user of the content of environmentally hazardous batteries and accumulators and showing how they can be removed safely, the following appliances shall be excluded from the scope of this Section:

- a) appliances whose batteries are soldered, welded or otherwise permanently attached to terminals to ensure continuity of power supply in industrial usage and to preserve the memory and data functions of information technology and office equipment, in case the use of the batteries and accumulators referred to in this Section is technically unavoidable;
- b) reference cells in scientific and professional equipment, and batteries and accumulators in medical devices designed to maintain vital functions and in heart pacemakers, where uninterrupted functioning is essential and the batteries and accumulators can be removed only by qualified personnel;
- c) portable appliances, where the replacement of batteries by unqualified personnel could present safety hazards to the user or could affect the operation of the appliance, and professional equipment intended for use in highly sensitive surroundings, e.g. in the presence of volatile substances.

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