

# **EU Directive 2006/66/EC**

This directive has been adopted through legislation on a country by country basis to be enacted no later than October 2008. The aims of the legislation are to clearly identify the materials contained in a battery so that it can be recycled in the manner prescribed by law.

### **Sealed Lead Acid Batteries**

Power Sonic Corporation Sealed Lead Acid (SLA) batteries are in compliance with this, as our batteries are clearly labeled in the required manner. The EU Directive states that the batteries be labeled with the symbol of a crossed out wheelie bin with the chemical identification of the material to be recycled, in this case lead represented by the symbol Pb. Our SLA batteries do not contain any of the prohibited substances listed in Article 4 of the directive (see below).

## **Nickel Cadmium and Nickel Metal Hydride Batteries**

Power Sonic Corporation Nickel Cadmium (NiCd) and Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH) batteries are not in compliance and should not be supplied to EU markets.

Our European subsidiary company, Power-Sonic Europe Ltd., does supply correctly labeled NiCd and NiMH batteries inside the EU.

### **Article 4**

Power-Sonic Corporation batteries, being Sealed Lead Acid Batteries, do not contain any of the substances contained in Article 4 of the directive:

(a) all batteries or accumulators, whether or not incorporated into appliances, that contain more than 0,0005 % of mercury by weight; and (b) portable batteries or accumulators, including those incorporated into appliances, that contain more than 0,002 % of cadmium by weight.

A copy of our Material Safety Data Sheet can be accessed from our website: http://www.powersonic.com. Page one of this document lists all the materials that are contained in our sealed lead acid batteries. It will be noted that the EU directive clearly states "no lead ban".

#### **Further Information**

We have included two further documents on our website, the first being FAQ's about the EU Directive 2006/66/EC and the second being UK Battery Regulations Government Guidance Notes issued by the Department of Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform.

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