



COMPLIANCE DECLARATION

The European Community Regulation on chemicals and their safe use (**EC 1907/2006**) --known as **REACH**--had entered into force on June 1st, 2007. REACH main focus is the **Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemical** substances. Especially on substances, preparations or articles that are to be intentionally released from articles or preparations.

The main function of batteries is to provide electric current. The voltage is produced through a chemical reaction (of) between two unlike materials, occurring simultaneously at two different electrodes (such as the positive and negative plates), which are immersed in an electrolyte (liquid or solid). Without the chemical reaction, no voltage would be produced. Hence the chemical composition is very important for the function.

1) The electrolyte and the electrode active materials as such cannot provide any electric current outside the battery. Filled into other containers without the specific design of a battery, they would also fail to provide energy. The 'container part' of the battery, emptied of the electrolyte, is also not able to fulfill its function. However, there are different types of electrolytes which could be used in one battery casing.

2) The electrolyte and the electrode active materials are not released from the battery, thus the container does not have a function of 'delivering' it and does not control its release

3) The electrolyte, the electrode materials and the battery casing are normally discarded together.

As a consequence, **VRLA CSB battery** should be regarded as an article containing a preparation as an integral part. And therefore **are not in the scope of a REACH pre-registration or registration requirement.**

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