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This document addresses why batteries are not subject to the RoHS and WEEE Directives that were passed in the European Union. Rayovac receives many compliance certification requests from customers and this document was created to address those requests.

RoHS

Batteries are not regulated under the EU RoHS Directive 2011/65/EC, as stated in recital 14 below. Specifically, recital 14 says that the 2006 Batteries Directive shall be applied without prejudice to other Directives in EU.

(14) This Directive should apply without prejudice to Union legislation on safety and health requirements and specific Union waste management legislation, in particular Directive 2006/66/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 September 2006 on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators and Regulation (EC) No 850/2004.

WEEE Directive

All batteries collected based on the WEEE Directive will be subsequently removed from electronic equipment (Annex II). These removed batteries are then subject to the 2006 Batteries Directive and the Technical Adaptation Directive from 1998. As such, batteries are not included under the WEEE Directive.