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The Batteries Regulation¹ addresses the entire life cycle of all batteries placed on the Union market including requirements to fully address the end-of-life stage. To this end, the Regulation mandates high collection rates for portable and light means of transport batteries², which, due to the separate collection and proper treatment, will result in a reduction of fire risks.

The Regulation will increase the mandatory removability of batteries from appliances by February 2027³, which will also reduce fire risks due to batteries left in appliances. In line with Article 63 of the Regulation, the Commission will assess the feasibility and potential benefits of establishing deposit return systems for batteries by the end of 2027. The Commission will provide a report to the European Parliament and the Council and consider appropriate measures.

Furthermore, the Regulation⁴ applies to newly manufactured batteries but also to second-life batteries, except where explicitly stated otherwise in the Regulation itself.

In line with Article 8 of the Regulation, the Commission is currently working on developing the methodology for calculation and verification of recycled content of certain metals in batteries, including specific rules for third-party verification by notified bodies.

With regard to measures to insurability and support in fire protection, the Commission considers that national initiatives such as financial contribution for fire prevention measures in waste management facilities could be pursued at the operator or Member State level. The organisation of logistics at local or operator level such as improved sorting infrastructure could provide the proportionate response to prevent fires due to batteries.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2023/1542 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 July 2023 concerning batteries and waste batteries, amending Directive 2008/98/EC and Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 and repealing Directive 2006/66/EC, OJ L 191, 28.7.2023, p. 1–117.

² Articles 59 and 60 of Regulation (EU) 2023/1542.

³ Article 11.

⁴ in accordance with the Union framework on product regulation.