

April 9, 2024

Dear customers,

The compliance with European battery regulations

We notified you in a letter in December last year regarding compliance with the European Battery Regulations. As additional items, we will implement the following new initiatives. Thank you for your confirmation.

Target products: Coin shape lithium primary battery,
Cylindrical lithium primary battery,
Coin shape lithium secondary battery,
Nickel metal hydride battery,
Pin shape lithium-ion battery,

Excluded products: Dry battery,

■ About adding CE marking and labels to the outer box

Our understanding is that the CE marking must be displayed on the final product (including packaging and attached document) to be placed on the market. However, at the strong request of our customers, we have decided to display the CE marking on the outer box of Panasonic brand products. We will inform you of the display contents and implementation date around mid-April.

■ About Declaration of Conformity for the Battery Regulations

As we have informed in our previous letter on 2023 December, our understanding is that if the equipment with a built-in battery or a battery supplied by you as a repair part sold in the *EEA, Declaration of Conformity (DoC) is prepared by the customer. However, if the customer strongly requests a DoC for the battery as the evidence to confirm the compliance, we will issue a DoC for the battery regulations after conveying our understanding of the legal concern.

* EEA: European Economic Area member states (30 countries)

The battery regulation is difficult to interpret because it does not reference the equipment into which batteries are incorporated. In addition, the compliance of the

products to the battery regulation is based upon EU's NLF (New Legislative Framework) and we consider that the implementation of the regulation needs to be aligned with The Blue Guide (the guidance about the conformity, how to put into effect CE marking and the market surveillance etc.)

In case that you request us to issue DoC, please confirm the attached document "Our understanding on legal matters" and contact your sales window person of our company. If we receive a request for of DoC by May 15, 2024, we aim to issue it in June.

Sincerely,

Panasonic Energy Co., Ltd.
Energy Device Business Division