

**COMMUNIQUE FOR STANDARDIZATION OF FOREIGN TRADE REGARDING THE IMPORT
INSPECTIONS OF BATTERIES & ACCUMULATORS
COMMUNIQUE NO: 2008/15**

ARTICLE 1: It is obligatory that all batteries and accumulators to be imported into Turkey comply with the Directive Regarding the Inspection of Used Batteries & Accumulators, issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forestry.

ARTICLE 2: (1) Goods listed on Annex#1, which fall under the Directive mentioned in Article (1), shall be subject to inspections during the import process if they have not previously been in free circulation within European Union.

(2) The required inspections are carried out by Inspectors with The Foreign Trade Standardization Department, which is affiliated to The Regional Directorates of The Ministry for Foreign Trade.

ARTICLE 3: Regarding the importation of goods listed on Annex#1, the importer or their representative shall apply to The Foreign Trade Standardization Department, along with an application form (Annex#2) and the documents mentioned thereof.

ARTICLE 4: (1) "Inspection" means inspection of the documents/markings and/or physical inspection of the goods. The goods shall be subject to tests in case there is a doubt as to their safety or compliance with the regulations. For goods listed on Annex#1 which have been in free circulation within European Union, the importer is required to submit their Environment Certificate only.

(2) If goods are found to comply with the regulations, the importer or their representative shall be given a Conformity Report to be submitted to the Customs. The Customs does not allow the clearance of goods without a conformity report.

ARTICLE 5: If, upon inspections, goods are **not** found to be safe or to comply with the regulations, the case is reported to the importer and to the related Customs in a letter stating the reason(s) of non-conformity. In this case the Customs does not allow the clearance of the said goods.

ARTICLE 6: Customs clearance of the goods within the scope of this Communiqué shall only be made through the customs directorates mentioned on Annex #3.

ARTICLE 7: (1) This Communiqué does not apply to personal commodity and to samples. The Customs shall allow the clearance of the goods declared as such.

(2) Personal commodity means any commodity which is understood to have no commercial purpose when its quantity and the purpose of use are considered, or any commodity meeting a need related with private or household life, provided that it is not related with any vocational or commercial activity.

(3) Sample means any item or sample which represents goods of a certain type and quality and which can not be used for a purpose other than placing orders

ARTICLE 8: According to the provisions of the Law #4703 Regarding the Preparation and Implementation of Technical Regulations, published on the Official Journal #24459 dated 11.07.2001, importers are responsible for the safety and compliance of all the goods covered by the directive mentioned in Article (1), whether or not they are inspected as per this communiqué.

ARTICLE 9: The Ministry for Foreign Trade is fully authorized to take the measures and to make the arrangements regarding the implementation of the points mentioned in this Communiqué.

ARTICLE 10: Other related regulation(s) shall apply to the points not referred to in this Communiqué.

ARTICLE 11: This Communiqué repeals Communiqué #2007/9 published on the Official Journal #26391 dated 29.12.2006.

ARTICLE 12: This Communiqué takes effect on 1/1/2008.

ARTICLE 13: The Minister responsible for the Ministry For Foreign Trade carries out the provisions of this Communiqué.

ANNEX 1
LIST OF THE GOODS SUBJECT TO INSPECTIONS AS PER THE DIRECTIVE REGARDING THE INSPECTION
OF USED BATTERIES & ACCUMULATORS

Commodity Code	Description
8506.10.11.00.00	Cylindrical Batteries
8506.10.15.00.00	Button Cells
8506.10.19.00.00	Others
8506.10.91.00.00	Cylindrical Batteries
8506.10.95.00.00	Button Cells
8506.10.99.00.00	Others
8506.30.10.00.00	Cylindrical Batteries
8506.30.30.00.00	Button Cells
8506.30.90.00.00	Others
8506.40.10.00.00	Cylindrical Batteries
8506.40.30.00.00	Button Cells
8506.40.90.00.00	Others
8506.50.10.00.00	Cylindrical Batteries
8506.50.30.00.00	Button Cells
8506.50.90.00.00	Others
8506.60.10.00.00	Cylindrical Batteries
8506.60.30.00.00	Button Cells
8506.60.90.00.00	Others
8506.80.05.00.00	Zinc carbon batteries with a voltage of 5.5V or above, but less than 6.5V
8506.80.11.00.00	Cylindrical Batteries
8506.80.15.00.00	Button Cells
8506.80.90.00.00	Others
8507.10.41.00.00	Batteries generated by liquid electrolytes
8507.10.49.00.00	Others
8507.10.92.00.00	Batteries generated by liquid electrolytes
8507.10.98.00.00	Others
8507.20.41.00.00	Batteries generated by liquid electrolytes
8507.20.49.00.00	Others
8507.20.92.00.00	Batteries generated by liquid electrolytes
8507.20.98.00.00	Others
8507.30.20.00.00	No-leakage batteries
8507.30.81.00.00	Traction accumulators
8507.30.89.00.00	Others
8507.40.00.00.00	Nickel-iron accumulators
8507.80.20.00.00	Nickel hydro accumulators
8507.80.30.00.00	Lithium ion accumulators
8507.80.80.00.00	Others

ANNEX 2
APPLICATION FORM

MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN TRADE
..... DIRECTORATE
..... HEAD OF DTS INSPECTORS

We'd like to obtain a CONFORMITY REPORT for the import of products described on the attached documents. We hereby declare that we agree to all the provisions and conditions of the regulations related with the subject.

Importer's name and address
Stamp & Authorized Signature
Date

Enclosed Documents

- Registered Import Declaration
- A sample of the proforma invoice or commercial invoice
- The list of authorized signatories for the importer (circular)
- Power of Attorney (in case the application is made by a representative of the importer)
- Data Form (Annex 4),
- Environment Certificate issued by the Ministry for Environment and Forestry
- Original test reports issued by **an accredited laboratory** proving that the level and quantity of harmful chemicals contained in the products are within the acceptable limits set in the Directive Regarding the Inspection of Used Batteries & Accumulators (these reports will be required in applications from **1/3/2008** onwards).

ANNEX 3
DTS OFFICES AND
RELATED CUSTOMS DIRECTORATES

Dış Ticaret Müsteşarlığı Bölge Müdürlükleri	DTS Denetmenleri Grup Başkanlıkları	İthalata İzin Verilen Gümrük Müdürlükleri
İç Anadolu Bölge Müdürlüğü Adres: Mithatpaşa Caddesi, No:18/4, Kızılay/Ankara Tel: 0312 431 66 44, 0312 431 66 41 Faks: 0312 430 61 09	Ankara	- Esenboğa Güm. Müd. - Ankara TIR Gümrük Müd. - Mürted Gümrük Başmemurluğu
Marmara Bölge Müdürlüğü Adres: Dış Ticaret Kompleksi, Çobançeşme Mevkii, Sanayi Cad., D Blok, Kat:1-2, Yenibosna, Bahçelievler, İstanbul Tel: 0212 454 08 20, 0212 454 08 21 Faks: 0212 454 08 22	İstanbul	- A.H.L. Gümrük Müdürlüğü - Erenköy Gümrük Müd. - Halkalı Gümrük Müd. - Haydarpaşa Gümrük Müd. - Ambarlı Gümrük Müd. - Yeşilköy Otomotiv İhtisas Gümrük Müd. - Gebze Gümrük Müd. - İstanbul Deri Serbest Bölge Gümrük Müd.
Batı Anadolu Bölge Müdürlüğü Adres: Gazi Bulvarı, No:126, Kat:1, Basmane / İzmir Tel: 0232 483 40 26 Faks: 0232 483 77 24	İzmir	- İzmir Gümrük Müd. - Ege Serbest Bölge Gümrük Müd.
Güney Anadolu Bölge Müdürlüğü Adres: Camişerif Mah., Çakmak Cad., Buğdaycı Apt., Kat:6 No:27/32 Mersin Tel: 0324 237 62 31, 0324 239 07 37 Faks: 0324 237 19 59	Mersin	- Mersin Gümrük Müd.

**ANNEX-4
DATA FORM**

Customs House to be used:	
Exporter's	
- Title	
- Address	
- Phone, fax, e-mail, web	
Manufacturer's:	
- Title	
- Address	
- Phone, fax, e-mail, web	
Import Declaration's	
- Date	
- Number	
Country of Origin	
Importer's:	
- Tax Office No	
- Title	
- Address	
- Phone, fax, e-mail, web	
Exporting Country	
Importer's Representative's	
- Tax Office No	
- Title	
- Address	
- Phone, fax, e-mail, web	
Product Info	
- Commodity Code	
- Type	
- Brand Name	
- Weight (Net kg)	
- Arrival date in the customs area	
- Amount in US Dollars	Based on the statistical value on the import declaration