

ATTENTION AUTO BATTERY RECYCLERS & BROKERS

In early July, new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations will be in effect in all states, regulating the export of spent lead acid batteries (SLABs).

The new requirements will apply to all U.S. auto battery recyclers and brokers that export SLABs, as described below:

- Starting on July 7, 2010, export shipments of SLABs will be PROHIBITED unless the exporter has 1) submitted a written notification to EPA and 2) obtained the receiving country's consent.
- SLAB exporters are encouraged to submit notifications to EPA by early May or sooner if possible to avoid potential delays to export shipments.
- EPA encourages exporters to allow sufficient time for the prospective country of import to review the proposed shipments. Some countries may receive a significant number of SLAB notifications and processing delays may occur.

EPA encourages recyclers and brokers to begin the notification process as soon as possible to ensure full compliance with the new requirements.



More information is available online at:

<http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/hazard/international/oecd-slab-rule.htm>

- Guidance on preparing and submitting notifications to export SLABs for recycling
- Frequently asked questions
- Final rule

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