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EU Publishes Exemption to Portable Battery Removability and Replaceability Requirements

On 22 October 2026, the European Union published Delegated Regulation (EU) 2026/1770 concerning **an exemption from the requirements on the removability and replaceability of portable batteries**. This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. It shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

A comparison of the differences between the original requirements and the Delegated Regulation is provided below:

Original requirements	Delegated Regulation
2. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, the following products incorporating portable batteries may be designed in such a way as to make the battery removable and replaceable only by independent professionals:(a) appliances specifically designed to operate primarily in an environment that is regularly subject to splashing water, water streams or water immersion, and that are intended to be washable or rinseable;(b) professional medical imaging and radiotherapy devices, as defined in Article 2, point (1), of Regulation (EU)	2. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, the following products incorporating portable batteries may be designed in such a way as to make the battery removable and replaceable only by independent professionals: (a) appliances , including wearable devices , specifically designed to operate primarily in an environment that is regularly subject to splashing water, water streams or water immersion, and that are intended to be washable or rinseable; (b) professional medical imaging and radiotherapy devices, as defined in Article 2, point (1), of Regulation (EU) 2017/745, and in vitro diagnostic medical devices, as defined in Article 2, point (2), of Regulation (EU) 2017/746; (c) wearable devices for which the safety, durability, or water resistance may be compromised by user access to the battery and which: (i) due to their nature, size or form, are considered to be too small to allow the end-user to properly and safely handle a battery replacement; or (ii) rely on a compact, sealed enclosure to maintain functional integrity, including protection against dust, and shock; (d) until 31 July 2030, electric toys that incorporate rechargeable batteries. when, due to the nature or size of the toy, the derogation is necessary to ensure the safety of the toy when used in accordance with Article 10(2) of Directive 2009/48/EC; (e) wireless thermometer probes specifically designed for food contact during food preparation processes; (f) products falling within the scope of Article 1 of Directive 2014/34/EU; (g) on-body delivery systems specifically designed for the subcutaneous administration of medicinal products; (h) telematics devices intended for roof-mounted installation in agricultural and





2017/745, and <i>in vitro</i> diagnostic medical devices, as defined in Article 2, point (2), of Regulation (EU) 2017/746.	construction machinery and designed to be exposed to harsh vibrations, dust and wet conditions during their intended use. The derogations set out in points (a), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h) of this paragraph shall only be applicable where such derogation is required to ensure the safety of the user and the appliance.
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HCT SOLUTION:

Under the EU Battery Regulation, the exemption from the requirements on the removability and replaceability of portable batteries is subject to specific product scope and applicable conditions and should not be directly applied. Relevant enterprises need to verify the applicability of the exemption based on product category, use scenario, and technical conditions. If you have any questions about the scope of application or the compliance pathway, please contact Waltek HCT for assessment support. We have a professional technical team and extensive experience in compliance management and can provide tailored solutions for enterprises.

