



Batteries & Battery - Used or Scrap

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This information sets out to give some explanation of which batteries can be carried on a Sealand – A Maersk Company bill of lading and which are unacceptable due to being classified as waste under the Basle Convention.

Used batteries

Used batteries and battery scrap are shipped in accordance with the regulations under the Basel Convention and are listed under either annex VIII (hazardous waste) numbers A1160 or A1170, alternatively under annex IX (non-hazardous waste) number B1090 provided no constituents as per Basel annex I are part of it's contents.

All battery scrap that satisfies the requirements of the annex VIII list should be shipped under an AMBER transport procedure, while scrap listed under annex IX may be shipped under a GREEN transport procedure.

Transport under AMBER procedure implies under notification by the appropriate environmental authorities; shippers are responsible to arrange a notification form, import/export licences and transit permits for all way ports.

Please note that Sealand – A Maersk Company does not accept any hazardous waste under AMBER transport procedure as defined under the Basel Convention.

Transport under GREEN procedure means that shippers should arrange import/export permission via the competent authority only.

Only consignments under a GREEN transport procedure are eligible for carriage on Sealand – A Maersk Company bills of lading, provided shippers deliver appropriate export/import permits issued by relevant competent authorities.

Battery scrap

Battery scrap and used batteries in bulk are **NOT ACCEPTABLE** in dry containers, unless drained of acid and cleaned/ purged and correctly packed in order to protect containers from being corroded by leaking liquid. The container floor is to be protected by thick polythene sheets, the side and end walls must also be protected by thick polythene sheets extending at



least 30 cms up the container walls. Containers stuffed with battery scrap properly cleaned and packed must be stowed **ON DECK**.

A written statement from the shipper that batteries are properly cleaned from all kind of hazard is required and non dangerous for shipment under transport.

Batteries drained of acid but not cleaned/ purged are classified as hazardous waste and therefore not accepted under the Maersk Line/ Sealand – A Maersk Company policy.

Please note that as from end of March 2007 we as Maersk Line/ Sealand – A Maersk Company do not accept any hazardous waste.

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