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**ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT
(CAP. 549)**

**Waste Management (Waste Batteries and Accumulators)
(Amendment) Regulations, 2021**

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by articles 54 and 55 of the Environment Protection Act, the Minister for the Environment, Climate Change and Planning, after consultation with the Environment and Resources Authority, has made the following regulations:-

1. The title of these regulations is the Waste Management (Waste Batteries and Accumulators) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021, and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Waste Management (Waste Batteries and Accumulators) Regulations, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

Citation.

S.L. 549. 54.

2. Regulation 2 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

Amends regulation 2 of the principal regulations.

(a) in sub-regulation (1) thereof, the words "as regards the implementing powers conferred on the Commission" shall be substituted by the words "Directive 2013/56/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 November 2013, and Directive (EU) 2018/849 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018"; and

(b) immediately after sub-regulation (3) thereof, there shall be added the following new sub-regulation:

"(4) These regulations shall be read and construed in the context of the provisions of the Extended Producer Responsibility Framework Regulations, 2021."

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3. Immediately after regulation 14 of the principal

Adds a new regulation to the principal regulations.

regulations there shall be added the following new regulation:

"Incentives for the application of the waste hierarchy. 14A. In order to contribute to the objectives laid down in these regulations, the Minister may make use of economic instruments and other measures to provide incentives for the application of the waste hierarchy, under regulation 4A of the Waste Regulations, such as those indicated in Annex IVa to Directive 2008/98/EC or other appropriate instruments and measures."

Amends regulation 24 of the principal regulations.

4. Sub-regulation (4) of regulation 24 of the principal regulations, shall be substituted by the following new sub-regulation:

"(4) All the information shall be provided in half-yearly and annual reports. A waste batteries and accumulators collective organisation shall submit half-yearly reports to the competent authority within three (3) calendar months following the end of that period, whereas annual reports shall be submitted to the competent authority within four (4) calendar months of the closing of the year."

Amends the principal regulations.

5. (1) In the principal regulations, the words "waste batteries and accumulators collection, treatment and recycling scheme", wherever they occur, shall be substituted by the words "waste batteries and accumulators collective organisation".

(2) In the principal regulations, the word "scheme", wherever it occurs, provided that such word is not part of the phrases "waste batteries and accumulators collection, treatment and recycling scheme", "eco-management and audit scheme", or "environmental management schemes", shall be substituted by the word "producer responsibility organisation".