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As of February 1st, 2021, Regulation (EU) 2019/1148 that prohibits the sale of sulfuric acid for batteries to the public and to end-users who do not hold a valid licence, will enter into force and be applied throughout the European territory. The principle is to prevent the use of sulfuric acid (which usually comes in the form of a pack with the unactivated battery), for purposes other than charging and activating a battery.

All distribution players will have to adapt to this new regulation.

AP batteries - Non activated and delivered with an acid pack:
These batteries must be charged and activated by a professional before being sold to public. The professional will make sure that the battery is delivered to the end-user in perfect condition. Therefore, it will be still possible to sell these batteries, ensuring that they will only be delivered and/or sold to the end-user after being charged and activated by a professional.

SLA and GEL (Factory Activated) batteries:
These batteries are factory-sealed and delivered charged and ready to use, without any need for intervention nor handling of sulfuric acid. These batteries are considered non-hazardous products and can therefore be directly sold to the public.

We will continue to hold a small number of AP battery product lines in stock, while promoting SLA & GEL batteries which are activated and ready to use.

For further information, see Regulation (EU) 2019/1148 of the European Parliament and of the Council of June 20th, 2019, EUR-Lex - 32019R1148 - EN - EUR-Lex (europa.eu)