

The Rechargeable Battery Association (Marcus Boolish)

I wanted to echo on comments that Karen just made a second ago about the requiring of the elemental names and symbols on the periodic table for the primary constituents of the anode and cathode, or negative and positive of the battery. Items like listing the lead symbol, or the name lead-cadmium, are already in federal law. And when you start applying this to other chemistries, it's essentially meaningless to battery users and it's not necessary for recyclers. And a lot of that has to do with the fact that the listing of the chemistry through the common, or the standardized designation, is already something that's required and used on the product. So the recyclers don't need that. They already know. And then listing the active ingredient chemical name, it gets fairly complicated fairly fast because in some cases, some of these chemistries won't have a singled individual chemical. They might have more than one. And that is going to fall out of the line and alignment with the laws that are soon beginning in some states, the law that's already active in the District of Columbia and then some of the state laws that recently passed. And then the further complicated from a global perspective, the requirements fall out of line with the European battery regulations. So if you have products that are sold on a more global basis, the marking is going to be, it's going to be different. It's going to be a different requirement specifically for the state of Washington.