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HOMOLOGATION OF BATTERIES, FOR USE AT 2010 EFRA SANCTIONED EVENTS.

To whom it may concern,

The scope of this document covers the homologation of the following battery technologies that are allowed for EFRA sanctioned events in 2010:-

NiCd and NiMh cells of 23/43 size.

Lithium Based Batteries up to a maximum nominal 7.40v (2S), in 'Stick' and 'Saddle Pack' format.

Lithium Based Batteries up to a maximum nominal 3.70v (1S), in 'Stick' format.

NiCd and NiMH Cells -- Approval requirements for use at 2010 EFRA events :-

1. A minimum of six (6) cells must be sent **at no cost to the recipient**, to the Homologation Officer at the address above. The sample cells must arrive no later than 1st. Dec. 2009. Cells arriving after this date will not be considered for approval. Shipping documents should state: 'samples for destructive tests with zero value'.
2. Any cells that have gained approval in previous years, that have been changed in order to comply with the current technical requirements, will be treated as a new version of cell that will require approval.
Cells in this category are required to show a distinct visual difference to previous versions, so they can be easily identified when assembled into a 'pack'.
3. Each type of cell submitted for approval must be accompanied by :-
A technical data sheet giving specifications of :- sizes and weight (with tolerances) plus charging details.
Documentation that 20,000 cells have been received within the EFRA member countries by 31st. Dec 2009.
A declaration stating that the submitted cell(s) is not in any violation of existing World Wide patents.
This information to be supplied by an authorised representative of the manufacturer and also applies to any OEM supplier versions.
4. All cells must conform with the technical details in rule 3.1.1 (below). Note:- max. dimensions & EU Regulations.
Sample cells will be measured before and after cycling.
5. The weights of cells will be shown on the EFRA approval list. Samples should closely resemble the weight range stated on the data sheet.
6. If approval is granted, there must be no changes to the technical specification (outside allowed tolerances) or the visual appearance of the cell, from the samples submitted. Any changes will require re-approval. Failure to do this may invalidate the original approval.
7. There will be an homologation fee for each type of cell submitted. This is individual to each type (capacity) or heat shrink version. The fee is €500 for each type, with a 50% discount for Associate Manufacturers to EFRA. EFRA will invoice accordingly. Please supply details for invoicing.
It is recommended that cells submitted for approval should originate from the original cell manufacturer or the OEM supplier whose name or trade-mark is depicted on the cell heat shrink.
8. Cells gaining EFRA approval, will be published on the EFRA approved list in Jan. 2010. This list can be found on the EFRA website – www.efra.ws.
9. Approval does not engage EFRA towards any guarantees or responsibilities. The submitter will defend, indemnify and hold EFRA harmless from and against any and all liabilities, damages, losses, claims, fines, penalties, assessments, demands, actions, suits and judgments, including all fees, costs and expenses incidental thereto, that may be charged to, asserted against or incurred by EFRA by reason of any loss, damage or injury of any kind or nature whatsoever in any manner or to any extent resulting from or arising out of the articles or services approved by EFRA for use during EFRA events except to the extent resulting solely and directly from EFRA's gross negligence or wilful misconduct.



10. EFRA require that a copy of this document is returned when cells are submitted, signed by an authorised representative of the manufacturer (or OEM supplier) showing agreement to the procedures and rules detailed. (Disclaimer at bottom of page).

Technical Rule 3.1.1 -- NiCd and NiMh Cells. -- for 2010.

NiCd or NiMH cells rated at 1.2 volts nominal can be approved, but must conform to the following :-

The size of the individual cells to be :- Diameter 23.0 mm +/-1mm, Overall length 43.0 mm +/-1.5mm.

Measurements include original manufacturers heat shrink.

Overall length is the maximum length of the complete cell including the positive button, before attaching/soldering any link wires, connectors or battery bars.

Dimensions taken at ambient temperature and at 90 degrees to the centre-line of the cell.

The original manufacturers of cells are allowed a maximum of +/- 2 grms. tolerance on the nominal weight of the cell stated on the technical specification/data sheet submitted at the time of approval and is valid for virgin cells.

Weights to conform to EFRA cell approval list for cells approved from Jan. 2007 onwards.

Existing approvals having a weight tolerance outside +/- 2 grms. will be adjusted accordingly.

It is known that fast charging may result in cell distortion. From 1st April 2008, cells may never exceed 23.0mm diameter or 43.0 mm length. **(NOTE: There is no plus tolerance on these dimensions).**

All cells must conform with any EU regulations regarding Health & Safety or Disposal instructions that are current at the time when cells are supplied into EFRA member countries

Disclaimer:-

I, _____ (Name).

On behalf of : _____ (Company name)

Agree with procedures and rules contained within the pages one & two of this document.

_____ (Signature)

Documents to be provided :-

1. Technical data sheet giving sizes, weights etc.
2. Documentation to show that a minimum of 20,000 cells have been shipped to EFRA countries by 31.12.09.
3. Declaration that the cell submitted for approval does not violate any existing World Wide patents.
4. Invoicing details for homologation fee.

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Lithium Based Batteries (1S and 2S) -- Approval requirements for use at 2010 EFRA events :-

1. A minimum of one (1) battery must be sent **at no cost to the recipient**, to the Homologation Officer at the address above. The sample battery **must arrive no later than 31st. Dec. 2009**. Batteries arriving after this date will not be considered for approval.
Shipping documents should state: 'samples for destructive testing with zero value'.
2. Any battery that has gained approval in previous years, that has been changed in order to comply with the current technical requirements, will be treated as a new version of battery that will require approval. Batteries in this category are required to show a distinct visual difference to previous versions, so they can be easily identified.
3. Each individual type of battery submitted for approval must be accompanied by :-
 - A safety test certification in accordance with UN Tests, detailed in Part 3, Sub-Section 38.3 of the UN Manual of Tests and Criteria.
 - A data sheet giving recommended charging details and maximum charging voltage.
 - Details of :-case material, nominal thickness and sealing method (eg. Cyno, Sonic Weld etc.)
 - Name and contact details of a minimum of two (2) nominated distributors within the EFRA countries.
 - Confirmation that the battery submitted:-
If a new production version, that it will be widely available in the EFRA countries before 1st March 2010.
If already in production, approx. number that have already been supplied to EFRA countries.
 - A declaration stating that the submitted battery is not in any violation of existing World Wide patents.
This information to be supplied by an authorised representative of the manufacturer and also applies to any OEM supplier versions.
4. All batteries must conform with the technical details in rule 3.1.2 (below), and any EU regulations regarding Health & Safety or Disposal instructions that are current at the time when cells are supplied to EFRA member countries.
5. The weights of batteries will be shown on the EFRA approval list. Samples should closely resemble the weight range stated on the data sheet.
6. If approval is granted, there must be no changes to the technical specification (outside allowed tolerances) or the visual appearance of the battery, from the samples submitted. Any changes will require re-approval. Failure to do this may invalidate the original approval.
7. There will be an homologation fee for each type of battery submitted. This is individual to each type (capacity) or labelled version. The fee is €500 for each type. There is a 50% discount for Associate Manufacturers to EFRA.. EFRA will invoice accordingly. Please supply details for invoicing.
It is recommended that battery submitted for approval should originate from the original cell manufacturer or the OEM supplier whose name or trade-mark is depicted on the cell heat shrink.
8. Batteries gaining EFRA approval, will be published on the EFRA approved list in Jan. 2010. This list can be found on the EFRA website – www.efra.ws.
9. Approval does not engage EFRA towards any guarantees or responsibilities. The submitter will defend, indemnify and hold EFRA harmless from and against any and all liabilities, damages, losses, claims, fines, penalties, assessments, demands, actions, suits and judgments, including all fees, costs and expenses incidental thereto, that may be charged to, asserted against or incurred by EFRA by reason of any loss, damage or injury of any kind or nature whatsoever in any manner or to any extent resulting from or arising out of the articles or services approved by EFRA for use during EFRA events except to the extent resulting solely and directly from EFRA's gross negligence or wilful misconduct.
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Technical Rule 3.1.2. --- Lithium Based Batteries – for 2010.

Lithium Based (LiPo/LiFe) Batteries can be approved, but must conform to the following :-

1. Lithium Based (LiPo/LiFe) battery packs must have a hard, protective case that completely envelops the cell(s). The case should be made from ABS or a similar material. The two halves of the case must be factory sealed in a way that any attempt to open the case will destroy the case. The only opening in the case that is allowed, is for the exit of wires.

The maximum case sizes are as follows: -

2S Batteries.

Length: 139.0mm.

Width: 47.0mm. (The max. width includes any side exit wires).

Height: 25.1mm. (Chassis location features additional to this dimension are allowed)

Saddle-Pack cells are allowed, but must comply with the above dimensions. Saddle-Pack cells must have a combined dimension of 139.0mm max when placed end to end.

1S Batteries.

Length: 93.0mm.

Width: 47.0mm. (Side exit wires are allowed outside this dimension).

Height: 18.5mm. (Chassis location features additional to this dimension are allowed)

2. Individual cells used in the construction of the battery pack shall be rated at (LiPo 3.7v/ LiFe 3,3v) nominal. Individual cells may be wired in parallel.
For 2S Packs:- the maximum connection 'In Series' is two, to give a Final pack voltage of (LiPo 7.4v/LiFe 6.6v) nominal.
For 1S Packs:- cells can only be connected in parallel to give a Final pack voltage of (LiPo 3.7v/LiFe 3.3v) nominal.
3. The battery pack shall have leads extending from the case for the positive and negative electrical connections using wire of adequate size to handle discharge rates acceptable to racing applications. Alternatively, the case shall have internal connection points for these wires clearly marked positive and negative so the user can apply the lead wires. Any type of metal connections that are incorporated in the battery pack must be substantially below the major surface of the plastic casing, to prevent any 'short circuit' if placed on a conductive surface.
4. The case must have the original suppliers label intact, stating:-
The rated voltage, the chemistry (LiPo/LiFe) and the Part No. Brand name/logo shall be easily readable.

Disclaimer:-

I, _____ (Name).

On behalf of : _____ (Company name)

Agree with procedures and rules contained within pages three & four of this document.

_____ (Signature)

Documents to be provided:-

1. Copy of UN Test Certificate.
2. Data sheet giving charging details and maximum recommended voltage.
3. Details of Case Material, nominal thickness and sealing process.
4. Name & contact details of two (2) authorised distributors within the EFRA countries.
5. Details of production supply dates or numbers already shipped.
6. Declaration that the battery submitted for approval does not violate any existing World Wide patents.



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