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Press release: The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency approves Batterikretsen- a new solution for producer responsibility for batteries

Batterikretsen is now approved as Sweden's first producer responsibility organisation for all types of batteries. The approval is an important step in strengthening producer responsibility and creating sustainable, circular solutions for batteries on the Swedish market.

It has taken more than a year to develop Batterikretsen's services linked to the new battery regulation. An important part of the work has been to show how the organisation will meet the requirements set to become an approved producer responsibility organisation (PRO) by the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency. Examples of requirements are to create a national nationwide collection system and to work with information for those who handle batteries. On March 12, the announcement came that Batterikretsen is now approved.

The announcement is pleasing not only for the organisation but also for the companies that manufacture, import and sell batteries and energy storage on the Swedish market. By connecting to Batterikretsen, the companies meet an important part of the requirements in the Battery Regulation.

Batterikretsen now offers producer responsibility services for all five battery categories: Portable batteries, Light means of transport batteries, Starting/Lighting/Ignition batteries, Industrial batteries and Electric vehicle batteries.

"Many of us have worked hard for a long time to get the Batterikretsen in place and develop the comprehensive solutions that we can now offer as an approved producer responsibility organisation. The ability to gather all battery categories within the same PRO will simplify things for customers and help reduce costs over time. Together with connected companies and our suppliers, our solution will play an important role in ensuring that batteries are part of sustainable systems and contribute to a circular economy."

Fredrik Benson, CEO El-Kretsen och Batterikretsen

Brief facts about Batterikretsen and El-Kretsen

Batterikretsen is a wholly owned subsidiary of El-Kretsen. Since 2001, El-Kretsen has developed services within producer responsibility. The company is owned by 19 industry organizations and is a profit-neutral company.

Today, nearly 3,000 producers are connected to El-Kretsen's system. Each year, approximately 150,000 tons of electrical waste and batteries are collected, of which just over 100,000 tons are material recycled and become new resources.

El-Kretsen – and now also Batterikretsen – handle the practical aspects of producer responsibility and offer advice and development of systems for collection and recycling.

The next step is for Batterikretsen to provide financial security. After that, the approval will be made visible on the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency's website.

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