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| Subject: | <b>“CE” Marking of VRLA Batteries</b> |       |                    |

**CE Marking** is the symbol: **CE**

The letters "CE" are the abbreviation of French phrase "Conformité Européene" which literally means "European Conformity". The term initially used was "EC Mark" and it was officially replaced by "CE Marking" in the [Directive 93/68/EEC](#) in 1993. "CE Marking" is now used in all EU official documents.

1. CE Marking on a product is a manufacturer's declaration that the product complies with the essential health & safety requirements of the relevant Article 100A, European health, safety and environmental protection legislation, also known as Product Directives.
2. CE Marking on a product indicates to governments that the product may be legally placed on the market in their country.
3. CE Marking on a product ensures the free movement of the product within the EFTA & European Union (EU) single market (total 28 countries)
4. CE Marking indicates to customers that the product meets designated minimum safety standards and therefore a minimum level of quality,
5. CE Marking promotes public health and safety, and enhances product credibility,
6. CE Marking on a product permits the withdrawal of the non-conforming products by customs and enforcement authorities.

It is our understanding that EC Directives applying to VRLA Batteries do not require the use of the CE Marking symbol.

Furthermore, it is our opinion that the application of CE Marking to VRLA Batteries would be illegal, implying conformance where no EC Directive applies.

The EMC Directive applies to electrical and electronic equipment which may be powered by a VRLA battery system but does apply to the individual VRLA Batteries themselves.

Issued for and on behalf of Yuasa Technical Centre Europe,

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