

Following public consultation, the Global Battery Alliance is finalizing Greenhouse Gas rulebook updates

[Belgium, 22 November 2023] — The Global Battery Alliance (GBA) is proud to announce its resolute commitment to advancing sustainability in the battery industry, as it embarks on implementing improvements to its Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Rulebook. This follows a comprehensive public consultation, mirroring GBA's dedication to transparency, inclusivity, and environmental responsibility.

The GHG Rulebook, a pivotal document in the battery value chain, is now undergoing essential enhancements reflecting invaluable insights garnered from stakeholders worldwide. The Global Battery Alliance presented a draft GHG Rulebook v1.5 for public consultation in the Summer of 2023 to invite feedback from industry experts, environmental organisations, governments, and concerned citizens, some of whom contributed their perspectives on how to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across the battery lifecycle.

The draft was made available in two languages: <u>English</u>, and <u>Chinese</u>, and the public consultation ran from the 20th June 2023 until the 30th September 2023. Participation in the consultation process was facilitated via email, an online portal, a launch webinar and a handful of workshops and public events in Brussels, Beijing, and New York. A total of 17 organisations provided feedback.

The Global Battery Alliance Secretariat commissioned INOVEM Consult™, an online Consultation Software to manage the consultation data from the online responses and the in-country workshops.

Key Elements of Implementation:

- In-Depth Review and Analysis: GBA's GHG Working Group has conducted a meticulous review and analysis of the extensive feedback received during the consultation process. These insights were categorized and studied to identify overarching themes and areas for strengthening the GHG Rulebook.
- 2. Collaborative Refinement: GBA is dedicated to maintaining an open and collaborative dialogue with stakeholders. Specialized working meetings, webinars, and forums have been organized to facilitate meaningful discussions and iterative refinement of proposed changes following the <u>GBA Consensus Way</u>. Decisions taken this way are usually supported by all members. Though there may not be unanimity, all GBA members share the motivation to achieve broad public acceptance of the GHG Rulebook.
- 3. **Leveraging Expertise:** GBA's membership comprises diverse stakeholders across the battery value chain. We harness their collective expertise to ensure that revisions of the GHG

Rulebook remain aligned with the latest technological advancements, industry best practices, and innovative emissions reduction strategies.

- 4. **Transparency and Accountability:** GBA commit to a high degree of transparency throughout the implementation process. A consultation report including metrics will be shared with members and the public, reinforcing our unwavering commitment to accountability. Operational and strategic guidance is provided by the Battery Passport Steering Committee (see GBA BP governance).
- 5. **Implementation:** Upon finalization of the Battery Passport indicator framework, the Greenhouse Gas rulebook will provide the framework to calculate the battery carbon footprint. Aggregated battery passport datasets will allow for the monitoring and the ability to assess the effectiveness of the revised GHG Rulebook in progressively reducing emissions. Periodic reviews should allow for adjustments and improvements as needed.

Submissions

 A consolidated overview of comments received and responses from the GBA GHG working group will be published alongside the updated GHG rulebook.

Data Protection

All responses received were processed by INOVEM Consult™ on behalf of the Global Battery Alliance for the purpose of creating a summary report of responses to the consultation on the Global Battery Alliance draft Rulebook. The Global Battery Alliance Secretariat had access to all responses submitted via this survey questionnaire and the consultation report will include quotes to help illustrate the points being summarised. Those responding on behalf of an organisation who may have been quoted are listed with the organisation's name. Those responding as individuals who may have been quoted are listed as 'Individual'. Not all organisations and individuals have been quoted. Responses were not used for any other purpose or passed on to any third parties. All responses that have been published were done so with express written permission from each participant.

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