Macintosh Portable: Battery Rating

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TOPIC -----

An Australian customs tariff for Macintosh Portable batteries states that the following requirement must be met:

"Accumulators, lead acid, including gel and lead calcium types, permanently sealed, rechargable, capacity NOT exceeding 11 amp-hours at the 20-hour rate."

What is meant by the 20-hour rate, and do our Portable batteries fall within this rate?

DISCUSSION -----

The 20-hour rate is an indicator of battery capacity, a measure of how much current is required to drain the battery over a 20-hour period. Macintosh Portable batteries carry a rating of 5.4 amp-hours at 20 hours, so they fall within this guideline. Copyright 1990 Apple Computer, Inc.

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