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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: European Commission Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: European Commission, EU-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: +(32) 2 299 80 43, E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu Website: http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Electrical and electronic equipment; Electronic components in general (ICS 31.020)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Commission Delegated Directive amending, for the purposes of adapting to scientific and technical progress, Annex IV to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for the use of lead in bismuth strontium calcium copper oxide superconductor cables and wires and lead in their electrical connections (7 page(s), in English; 2 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: This draft Commission Delegated Directive grants a specific and temporary exemption from the RoHS (Directive 2011/65/EU) restrictions until 30 June 2027, regarding the use of lead in bismuth strontium calcium copper oxide superconductor cables and wires and in their electrical connections to these wires.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Amendment of the Annexes to existing legislation to adapt to scientific and technical progress in order to allow innovation without compromising the objectives set out in Article 1 of Directive 2011/65/EU (protection of human health and the environment, including the environmentally sound recovery and disposal of waste EEE.); Protection of human health or safety; Protection of the environment

8. Relevant documents: A scientific background study justifying this specific exemption is available at <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/f44f2383-dd0a-11ea-adf7-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/format-PDF/source-146144383>

Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2011 on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1438768100804&uri=CELEX:32011L0065>

9. Proposed date of adoption: March 2022

Proposed date of entry into force: 20 days from publication in the Official Journal of the EU (about three months after adoption approximately)

10. Final date for comments: 60 days from notification

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

European Commission,
EU-TBT Enquiry Point,
Fax: + (32) 2 299 80 43,
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The text is available on the EU-TBT Website : <http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/>

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