

Questionnaire 1 (Clarification) Exemption 1(c) of RoHS Annex IV

Wording of the Requested Exemption:

Lead in infra-red light detectors

Requested validity period: 7 years

1. Acronyms and Definitions

PbSe lead selenide

2. Background

Bio Innovation Service, UNITAR and Fraunhofer IZM have been appointed¹ by the European Commission through for the evaluation of applications for the review of requests for new exemptions and the renewal of exemptions currently listed in Annexes III and IV of the RoHS Directive 2011/65/EU.

COCIR submitted a request for the renewal of the above-mentioned exemption, which has been subject to a first review. As a result we have identified that there is some information missing. Against this background the questions below are intended to clarify some aspects concerning the request at hand.

We ask you to kindly answer the below questions until 1 September 2020 latest.

3. Questions

1. Can the exemption wording be specified for your applications as follows?

Lead selenide (PbSe) in infrared sensors of medical capnometers (cat. 8)

This proposed wording appears to cover the uses of lead described in COCIR's exemption 1c renewal request, although we understand that exemption 1c has other non-medical uses, so perhaps the final wording should be determined after all exemption 1c renewal requests have been assessed.

Please note that answers to these questions will be published as part of the evaluation of this request. If your answers contain confidential information, please provide a version that can be made public along with a confidential version, in which proprietary information is clearly marked.

¹ It is implemented through the specific contract 070201/2020/832829/ENV.B.3 under the Framework contract ENV.B.3/FRA/2019/0017