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Re: Request Extension of RoHS Annex III Exemption 6(a)-I: Lead as an Alloying Element in Steel for Machining Purposes Containing up to 0.35%

Dear Mr. Engelkamp:

We understand that the European Commission is currently considering an application to extend part of an existing exemption under Annex III of the European Union's Directive on the Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment: Exemptions 6(a)-I for lead as an alloying element in steel for machining purposes containing up to 0.35%. This application, filed earlier today by EUROMOT, would seek to extend that exemption for an additional five years.

On behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the largest manufacturing association in the U.S. representing small and large manufacturers in every industrial sector that serve business and consumers in the U.S., Europe and around the world, I urge you to give full consideration of this application and to extend this exemption for a full five years. This continued exemption is critical for manufacturers from the United States working to support European businesses and consumers and to continue to improve the reliability and sustainability of their products.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the NAM's views on this exemption request and I welcome any follow-up questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Ken Monahan