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Re: Request Extension of RoHS Annex III Exemption 7(a): Lead in High Melting Temperature Type Solders (i.e. Lead-Based Alloys Containing 85% by Weight or More of Lead) Used in Engines, Engine Components and Ancillary Components and in End-Products in Which They Are Used

Dear Mr. Engelkamp:

We understand that the European Commission is currently considering an application to extend 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: Exemption 7(a) for lead in high melting temperature type solders (i.e. lead-based alloys containing 85% by weight or more of lead). This application, filed earlier today by EUROMOT, would seek to extend that exemption for an additional five years and ensure coverage under the exemption for these solders used in engines, engine components and ancillary components and in end-products in which they are used.

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 extend Exemption 7(a) for a full five years. This continued exemption is critical for manufacturers from the U.S. 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