



## DECLARATION

To whom it may concern we hereby declare that glazes like

VC 1229 --- Metallic effects  
VC 783 --- Gold effect  
VTR29 and VTR 17 -- Lead bright glazes

used in coating of ceramic materials to promote special design effects like metallic, bronze, bright Cd-Se reds and gold effects, contains lead and/or cadmium melted as a silicate glaze and other metallic elements, as substitution by more environmentally friendly alternatives are not possible from the scientific point of view at this state of the art, based on historical data about METALLIC glazes development.

We also declare that all glazes we sell to Faianças Ideal are exempt of Mercury (Hg), Chromium Hexavalent (Cr6+) and any organic component included in Rohs Directive 2002/95/EC and WEEE Directive 2002/96/EC.

The decision to use these METALLIC and EFFECTS glazes in ceramic articles whose design can be suitable to be used as luminaires and in that case affected by WEEE directive is the responsibility of our customers.

Nevertheless and related with this regulation we can inform that there are several applications of lead, mercury, cadmium and hexavalent chromium, which are exempted from the requirements of article 4(1), in the annex of directive 2002/95/EC and its adaptation 2006/310/CE based on article 11 of the same directive 2002/95/EC :

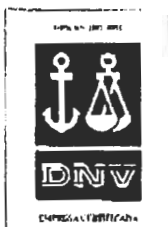
... *Exemptions from the substitution requirement should be permitted if substitution is not possible from the scientific and technical point of view...*

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