

Stakeholder consultation on Adaptation to scientific and technical progress of Annex II to Directive 2000/53/EC (ELV) and of the Annex of Directive 2002/95/EC (RoHS) of the European Parliament and of the Council

1 Introduction

Following the requirements of Article 4(2)(a) of Directive 2000/53/EC on end-of-life vehicles (ELV Directive), Member States of the European Union have to ensure that materials and components of vehicles put on the market since 1 July 2003 do not contain lead, mercury, hexavalent chromium and cadmium. Article 4(1) of Directive 2002/95/EC (the RoHS Directive) provides that 'from 1 July 2006, new electrical and electronic equipment put on the market does not contain lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, PBB or PBDE.'

The Annexes to the Directives list a number of applications of these substances, which are exempted from the requirements of those Articles and which have to be revised on a regular bases.

In order to amend the Annexes the Commission is required to consult the relevant stakeholders before amending the Annex. The results of this consultation will be forwarded to the Technical Adaptation Committee and the Commission services will provide an account of the information received.

This consultation is ran by the Öko-Institut together with the Fraunhofer IZM, on behalf of the European Commission, on <http://rohs-elv.exemptions.oeko.info>.

Please read the "Guidelines for Submitting Stakeholder Comments" before submitting your contributions:

http://rohs-elv.exemptions.oeko.info/fileadmin/user_upload/Consultation/Guidelines_for_submitting_stakeholder_comments_consult_1.pdf

The objective of the current consultation is to collect comments on exemptions covering the use of solder and soldering technologies (ELV exemption 8a and 8b). Please note that the role of Öko-Institut and Fraunhofer IZM is only to collect and evaluate the information provided by stakeholders and not take any decision.

Directive	No.	Current wording	Scope and expiry date
ELV	8a	Solder in electronic circuit boards and other electrical applications except on glass	Vehicles type approved before 31 December 2010 and spare parts for these vehicles (review in 2009)
ELV	8b	Solder in electrical applications on glass	Vehicles type approved before 31 December 2010 and spare parts for these vehicles (review in 2009)

Neither the fact that a stakeholder consultation is being launched, nor the results of this stakeholder consultation should be interpreted as a political or legal signal that the Commission intends to take a given action.

2 Consultation of interested parties

For the consideration of the item listed above, Öko-Institut and Fraunhofer IZM – on behalf of the European Commission - would like to consult interested parties.

It shall be noted that generic comments, statements, position papers and any additional request for exemptions will not be taken into account.

Interested parties are invited to send their comments by e-mail, the latest on 09 March 2009, to elv.rohs@oeko.de or by post to:

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