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# THE RESTRICTION OF THE USE OF CERTAIN HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES IN ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS 2012

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- 14. (1) The EU declaration of conformity must state that it...
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- 3. In Table 1, in the column headed "corresponding EU exemption",...
- 4. In Tables 1 and 2, in the column headed "categories...
- 5. In Table 1, in the column headed "expiry date or...
- 6. For the purposes of entries 1 to 9 in Table...
- 7. In paragraph 5, "the 2020 Regulations" means the Hazardous Substances...

#### SCHEDULE 1 —

PART 1 — Categories of EEE to which these Regulations apply

- 1. Large household appliances.
- 2. Small household appliances.
- 3. IT and telecommunications equipment.
- 4. Consumer equipment.
- 5. Lighting equipment.
- 6. Electrical and electronic tools.
- 7. Toys, leisure and sports equipment.
- 8. Medical devices.
- 9. Monitoring and control instruments including industrial monitoring and control instruments....
- 10. Automatic dispensers.
- 11. Other EEE not covered by any of the categories above....

PART 2 — EEE to which these Regulations do not apply

- 12. Equipment which is necessary for the protection of the essential...
- 13. Equipment designed to be sent into space.
- 14. Equipment which is specifically designed, and is to be installed,...
- 15. Large-scale stationary industrial tools being a large-scale assembly of machines,...
- 16. Large-scale fixed installations being a large-scale combination of several types...
- 17. Means of transport for persons or goods, excluding electric two-wheel...
- 18. Non-road mobile machinery made available exclusively for professional use, being...
- 19. Active implantable medical devices.
- 20. Photovoltaic panels intended to be used in a system that...
- 21. Equipment specifically designed solely for the purposes of research and...
- 21A Pipe organs.

PART 3 — Categories of EEE with special rules of application

- 22. Regulations 3(1), 10, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25,...
- 23. (1) Regulations 3(1), 10, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23,...
- 24. Provided that reuse takes place in auditable closed-loop business-to-business return...

PART 4 — Internal Production Control Procedure

- 25. The internal production control procedure is a conformity assessment procedure
- 26. The technical documentation must— (a) make it possible to assess...

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## SCHEDULE 1A — Declaration of conformity

- 1. Declaration of conformity (unique identification of the EEE):
- 2. Name and address of the manufacturer or, where applicable, authorised...
- 3. This declaration of conformity is issued under the sole responsibility...
- 4. Object of the declaration (identification of EEE allowing traceability: it...
- 5. The object of the declaration described above is in conformity...
- 6. Where applicable, references to the relevant designated standards used or...
- 7. Additional information: Signed for and on behalf of: place and...

## SCHEDULE 2 — Test purchases, powers of entry etc and warrants

- 1. Test purchases
- 2. Power to enter premises
- 3. Power to inspect, seize and detain EEE etc
- 4. Warrants

## SCHEDULE 3 — Compliance, enforcement and recall notices

- 1. Compliance notice
- 2. Enforcement notice
- 3. Supplementary provisions in relation to compliance and enforcement notices
- 4. Recall notices
- 5. Action by the market surveillance authority
- 6. Compensation provisions relating to compliance, enforcement and recall notices
- 7. Appeals against compliance, enforcement and recall notices
- 8. Appropriate court for appeals against notices etc and further appeals
- 9. Offences and penalties

**Explanatory Note** 

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