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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2011 on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 5(1)(a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Directive 2011/65/EU prohibits the use of lead in electrical and electronic equipment placed on the market.
- (2) The only reliable dry lubricant material with a long life that does not decompose when exposed to ionising radiation has been found to be alloys that contain particles of lead.
- (3) The current use of lead as an alloying element for bearings and wear surfaces in medical equipment exposed to ionising radiation cannot be eliminated, nor is a feasible substitute available.
- (4) Directive 2011/65/EU should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

- (1) OJ L 174, 1.7.2011, p. 88.