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PRODUCT SAFETY ACT (CAP. 427)

Restriction of Use of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment) Regulations, 2010

IN exercise of the powers conferred by articles 38 to 40 of the Product Safety Act, the Minister of Finance, the Economy and Investment, on the advice of the Malta Standards Authority, has made the following regulations:-

Citation and scope.

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Restriction of Use of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment) Regulations, 2010 and they shall be read and construed as one with the Restriction of Use of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations."

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(2) These regulations implement the requirements of the following Commission Decisions:

(a) DECISION 2009/428/EC of 4 June 2009 amending, for the purposes of adapting to technical progress, the Annex to Directive 2002/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the exemption for an application of lead as impurity in RIG Faraday rotators used for fibre optic communication systems;

(b) DECISION 2009/443/EC of 10 June 2009 amending, for the purposes of adapting to technical progress, the Annex to Directive 2002/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards exemptions for applications of lead, cadmium and mercury.

Amends Schedule I to the principal regulations.

2. In Schedule I to the principal regulations:

(a) for item 22 thereof, there shall be substituted the following:

Item No.	Application
"**22**.	Lead as impurity in RIG (rare earth iron garnet) Faraday rotators used for fibre optic communications systems until 31 December 2009."; and

(b) immediately after item 32 thereof, there shall be added the following:

Item No.	Application
"**33**.	Lead in solders for the soldering of thin copper wires of 100 μm diameter and less in power transformers.
34.	Lead in cermet-based trimmer potentiometer elements.
35.	Cadmium in photoresistors for optocouplers applied in professional audio equipment until 31 December 2009.
36.	Mercury used as cathode sputtering inhibitor in DC plasma displays with a content up to 30mg per display until 1 July 2010.
37.	Lead in plating layer high voltage diodes on the basis of a zinc borate glass body.
38.	Cadmium and cadmium oxide in thick films pastes used on aluminium bonded beryllium oxide.".

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