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PRODUCT SAFETY ACT (CAP. 427)

Restriction of Use of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment) Regulations, 2023

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by articles 38 and 39 of the Product Safety Act, the Minister responsible for consumer affairs, on the advice of the Director General (Technical Regulations), has made the following regulations:-

Citation, scope and commencement.

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Restriction of Use of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment) Regulations, 2023 and these regulations 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". S.L. 427.57.

(2) The scope of these regulations is to transpose Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2022/1631 of 12 May 2022 amending, for the purposes of adapting to scientific and technical progress, Annex IV to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for the use of lead in bismuth strontium calcium copper oxide superconductor cables and wires and lead in their electrical connections, and Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2022/1632 of 12 May 2022 amending, for the purposes of adapting to scientific and technical progress, Annex IV to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for the use of lead in certain magnetic resonance imaging devices.

(3) These regulations shall be deemed to have come into force on 1st March 2023.

Amends Schedule IV to the principal regulations.

2. Schedule IV to the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) item 27 thereof shall be substituted by the following new item:

"27. Lead in

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- termination coatings of electrical and electronic components and printed circuit boards;

- connections of electrical wires, shields and enclosed connectors;

which are used in:

(a) magnetic fields within the sphere of 1m radius around the isocentre of the magnet in medical magnetic resonance imaging equipment, including patient monitors designed to be used within this sphere;

(b) magnetic fields within 1m distance from the external surfaces of cyclotron magnets, magnets for beam transport and beam direction control applied for particle therapy;

(c) MRI non-integrated coils, for which the Declaration of Conformity of this model is issued for the first time before 23 September 2022; or

(d) MRI devices including integrated coils, which are used in magnetic fields within the sphere of 1m radius around the isocentre of the magnet in medical magnetic resonance imaging equipment, for which the Declaration of Conformity is issued for the first time before 30th June 2024.

Expires on 30 June 2027."; and

(b) immediately after item 47 thereof, there shall be added the following new item:

"48. Lead in bismuth strontium calcium copper oxide (BSCCO) superconductor cables and wires and lead in electrical connections to these wires. Expires on 30 June 2027.".

Amends Schedule VIII to the principal regulations.

3. Schedule VIII to the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) immediately after the last paragraph, "Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2022/287 of 13 December 2021 amending, for the purposes of adapting to scientific and technical progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for

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mercury in fluorescent lamps for other general lighting and special purposes *********.", there shall be added the following new items:

"- Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2022/ 1631 of 12 May 2022 amending, for the purposes of adapting to scientific and technical progress, Annex IV to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for the use of lead in bismuth strontium calcium copper oxide superconductor cables and wires and lead in their electrical connections **********.

- Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2022/ 1632 of 12 May 2022 amending, for the purposes of adapting to scientific and technical progress, Annex IV to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for the use of lead in certain magnetic resonance imaging devices **********."; and

(b) immediately after the footnote "********** Applicable as from 1st October 2022.", there shall be added the following new footnote:

"********** Applicable as from 1st March 2023.".

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