

## **JBCE comment on 1st Stakeholder Consultation – Questionnaire for cobalt dichloride (CAS 7646-79-9, 7791-13-1; EC 231-589-4) and cobalt sulphate (CAS 10026-24-1, 10124-43-3; EC 233-334-2)**

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***Dear Oeko-Institut and Fraunhofer IZM,***

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JBCE would like to highlight you that based on the knowledge and information available to us neither “cobalt dichloride” nor “cobalt sulphate” are found in EEE because they are used as “Intermediate chemicals”. This is also described in the report “*Study for the Review of the List of Restricted Substances under RoHS 2 Analysis of Impacts from a Possible Restriction of Several New Substances under RoHS 2*” wrote by Oeko-Institut e.V. in 2014 (Refer to page 65).

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#### 4.17.4 Summary

For EEE, uses of both cobalt compounds in surface treatment processes are an intermediate use, thus they are not expected to be contained in the final product.

The quantities for cobalt dichloride are less than 200 tonnes per year and for cobalt sulphate less than 500 tonnes per year. These volumes have not been broken down specifically for EEE uses.

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Therefore, JBCE understand that neither “cobalt dichloride” nor “cobalt sulphate” are the substances to be restricted under RoHS directive.



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