





Answer to the Public Consultation for Exemption No.7(c)-I of Annex III**• Name of stakeholders:**

Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association (JEITA) ID number: 519590015267-92		Japan Electrical Manufacturers' Association (JEMA)	
Japan Business Machine and Information System Industries Association (JBMIA) ID number: 246330915180-10		Communications and Information network Association of Japan (CIAJ)	

• Name and contact details of responsible person

Company: Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	Tel.: +81 3 5469 6148
Name: Taro Hatano	E-Mail: t_hatano@murata.com
Function: Market Information Department	Address: 3-29-12; Shibuya, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 150-0002, Japan
Company: Japan Electronics & Information Technology Industries Association	Tel.: +81 3 5218 1054
Name: Hiroyuki Ishii	E-Mail: h-ishii@jeita.or.jp
Function: Environmental Affairs Department	Address: 1-1-3, Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, 100-0004 Japan

In this answer we leave out the items in both questionnaires for which we have already replied either in the “Exemption Request Form” or the “First Questions for Clarification”.

Question 2.

Provided the above proposed change of wording is acceptable, and provided the exemption does not require a further rewording as an outcome of the review, the entire 7c series of exemptions could be simplified, and the scope could be clarified as follows:

7c-I: Electrical and electronic components containing lead in a glass or ceramic, e.g piezoelectronic devices, or in a glass or ceramic matrix compound.

This exemption does not cover the uses of lead in the scope of exemptions 7c-II and 7c-III.

7c-II: Lead in dielectric ceramic in discrete capacitor components for a rated voltage of 125 V AC or higher, or for a rated voltage of 250 V DC or higher

7c-III: Lead in dielectric ceramic in discrete capacitor components for a rated voltage of less than 125 V AC, or for a rated voltage of less than 250 V DC;

Expires on 1 January 2013 and after that date may be used in spare parts for EEE placed on the market before 1 January 2013

Please explain whether you deem the above rewording of the exemption viable and appropriate.

Answer 2.

We consider that the proposed revised wording is both viable and appropriate.

In our view, it becomes easy for users to understand that applications of lead-containing glass and ceramic in electric and electronic components are comprehensively exempted (from the restrictions) according to your proposed wording.