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MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, TRADE & LABOR
SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL
DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN TRADE ADMINISTRATION

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Government of Israel would like to raise its concerns regarding the upcoming review of Directive 2002/95/EC on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electric and electronic equipment (RoHS), on the issue of Deca-BDE. Israel strongly supports the current exemption of Deca-BDE in polymeric applications from the RoHS Directive.

On May 2004, the European Union Competent Authorities closed, after ten years of research, the scientific assessment of commercial Deca-BDE. The assessment concluded no significant risk for the environment or human health and therefore no additional risk reduction measures were necessary beyond those already being applied.

Not only that no significant risk was identified in the EU risk assessment and in various studies conducted since then, it was also observed that due to its monitoring programs, Deca-BDE is now far better controlled than any other alternative.

In light of the above facts, the Government of Israel continues to see the exemption of Deca-BDE from the RoHS Directive as necessary in order to avoid the creation of unjustified obstacles to trade.

Yours Sincerely,

Boaz Hirsch.