

Specific questions request 3

“Lead in solders in a third party component of Cortex family equipment”

The following specific questions should be answered in your stakeholder contribution if you support request 3 to be granted / rejected:

Questions to the applicant or supporting stakeholders:

1. The applicant states that his products are used for monitoring and control functions. Please check whether these applications are within the **scope of the RoHS Directive**, as monitoring and control instruments belong to category 9 of the WEEE Directive and are thus currently not covered by the RoHS Directive.
2. In case the exemption request is nevertheless maintained, please explain why this exemption has become **necessary now**, more than 18 months after the use of lead has been banned under the RoHS Directive.
3. Please state the **amount of lead** used per application, the lead content in the homogeneous material, the annual production volume as well as the number of applications related to request 3 put on the EU market annually.
4. The applicant states that a **redesign** of his products would have allowed to replace the non-RoHS compliant component in order to become RoHS compliant. The RoHS Directive has entered into force in February 2003. Why were redesign activities not started at an appropriate time in order to be ready with RoHS compliant products by July 2006?
5. Please provide a **roadmap** with activities, milestones and timelines towards the replacement of lead in this application

Questions to all stakeholders:

1. Please indicate if **RoHS-compliant products** are available used in applications for which this exemption is requested.