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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

As member of the French Parliament, and as a member of the Regional Council of the Region Lorraine, I would like to participate in the consultation for the directive RoHS in relation to the renewal of the exemption 29.

Firstly, I share the objectives of the Restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances in electrical and electronic equipment (RoHS Directive), in particular in terms of public health, work related health, or environment. The directive limits the use of six substances, including lead.

Lead is used to manufacture crystal glass, especially to elaborate exceptional pieces of art contributing to the reputation of the French know-how, and therefore participating in the preservation and promotion of European heritage.

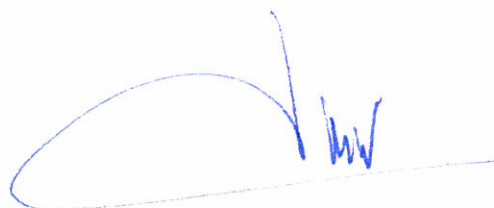
An exemption to the directive for lead bound in crystal glass was granted in 2008. Should this exemption not be renewed, thousands of jobs can be endangered, especially in the Region Lorraine, which is already deeply affected by the deindustrialization and the recent economic crisis. Even more, the crystal glass industry represents 1.600 direct jobs in France, and 5.000 indirect jobs.

Not renewing the exception 29 would not only put in jeopardy these thousands of jobs, but also an exceptional industry for the image of France and the image of Europe.

It is therefore very important for me that the exemption be renewed.

I thank you in advance.

Yours sincerely,



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