

Metz, le 1^{er} SEP. 2015

TRANSLATION

Monsieur Jean-Claude JUNKER
Président de la Commission Européenne
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Mr President,

As President of the Regional Council of Lorraine, I would like to draw your attention to the renewal of crystal exemption asked by both the European Domestic Glass and Lighting Europe associations, to the European Commission in the framework of the RoHS European Directive.

I provide all of my support to the French Federation of crystal-glass and glass factories initiative and, on a wider scale, to this issue which affects all professionals within this sector.

Particularly concerned by the environment conservation and protection, and more broadly by sustainable development, the Assembly of the Regional Council of Lorraine has placed environmental issues at the heart of its policies.

As you know the RoHS Directive, whose aim is to limit the use of hazardous substances in the electrical and electronic equipment manufacturing and to prevent their release into nature that would pollute groundwater, cannot objectively apply to the crystal-glass manufacturers production, a high-end design and part of the luxury sector and whose products have a very particular life cycle.

Today, this is an urgent matter, when one considers that the application for exemption is to be renewed in 2016 and that crystal lightings, chandeliers and wall lamps account for nearly one third of crystal-glass manufactures' turnover. I ask for your support and that of the French Government for the exemption request with the European Commission.

With today's French Regions merger, Lorraine, Alsace, Champagne-Ardenne are particularly concerned. Thanks to this exceptional expertise, crafts resulting from the work of generations, these crystal-glass manufacturers made our regions renowned throughout the world, and in so, generating jobs that support economic and social life.

Sincerely yours,

Jean-Pierre MASSERET

Le Président du Conseil Régional de Lorraine
Sénateur de la Moselle

Metz, le **18 SEP. 2015**

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Monsieur Emmanuel MACRON
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