

Specific questions exemption 12

“Lead as a coating material for the thermal conduction module c-ring”

The following specific questions should be answered in your stakeholder contribution if you support exemption 12 to be continued / amended / discontinued:

Note:

The previous evaluation in 2004 proposed limiting the exemption until the end of 2009 implying that lead-containing spare parts would still be allowed for repairs or upgrades of products put on the market before the expiry of the exemption.

1. Please state whether you consider this statement to be still valid. Is a **phase-out** of lead in this application by 2009 still technically feasible? Assuming the current exemption will be given another **expiry date**, what date do you think is technologically feasible for industry?
2. Do you consider it to be still necessary to specify that after the exemption may have expired the use of lead containing spare parts for **repairs and upgrades** still should be allowed?
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 exemption 12 put on the EU market annually.
4. Please explain the current status of **research and development** to substitute lead in this application. Please justify in detail if the exemption is still necessary. In this case, please provide a **roadmap** with activities, milestones and an expiry date towards the substitution of lead in this application.