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Dear Supplier:

Panasonic Operational Excellence Co., Ltd.
Quality & Environment Division
Global Procurement Division

Request for continuous discussion and study on substitutes for products
subject to exemptions for 6 series under the EU RoHS

Thank you very much for your unwavering support to Panasonic's initiatives for green procurement.

On November 21, 2025, the Official Journal was published, amending the exemptions for 6 series chemical substances, i.e., 6(a) Lead free-cutting steel, 6(b) Lead as an alloying element in aluminum, 6(c) Lead as an alloying element in copper, under the EU RoHS Directive 6 (2011/65/EU). Subsequently, applications for extension were submitted by several industries. The current status is as follows.

No.	Exemption	Covered category	Expiry Date of the Exemption
6(a)	Lead as an alloying element in steel for machining purposes and in galvanized steel containing up to 0.35 % lead by weight	All Categories	12/11/2026 (No extension)
6(a)-I	Lead as an alloying element in steel for machining purposes containing up to 0.35 % lead by weight*	All Categories	Under review
6(a)-II	Lead as an alloying element in batch hot-dip galvanised steel components containing up to 0.2 % lead by weight*	All Categories	Under review
6(b)	Lead as an alloying element in aluminium containing up to 0.4% lead by weight	All Categories	6/11/2027 (No extension)
6(b)-I	Lead as an alloying element in aluminium containing up to 0.4 % lead by weight, provided it stems from lead-bearing aluminum scrap recycling*	1-7,10	12/11/2026 (No extension)
		9 (industrial),11	6/30/2027 (No extension)
6(b)-II	Lead as an alloying element in aluminium for machining purposes with a lead content up to 0.4 % by weight*	1-7, 10	6/11/2027 (No extension)
		9 (industrial),11	Under review
6(b)-III	Lead as an alloying element in aluminium casting alloy containing up to 0.3 % lead by weight, provided it stems from lead-bearing aluminum scrap recycling*	1-8, 9 (others), 10	Under review
6(c)	Copper alloy containing up to 4% lead by weight*	All Categories	Under review

*The exemption shall not cover EEE for supply to the general public where the EEE or accessible part thereof may, during normal or foreseeable conditions of use, be placed in the mouth by children.

In the “Chemical Substances Management Rank Guidelines Ver. 15”, the Date of Delivery Prohibition to Panasonic Group is ‘To be set based on EU review results’ (Refer to the Appendix 2). However, some exemptions expiry dates have been determined without extension, and re-extension of other expiry dates for the exemptions may not be allowed even if they are under review as shown in the table above.

We would like to continue to promote replacing lead free-cutting steel and lead as an alloying element in

aluminum or copper with substitutes. Therefore, we ask all suppliers including you to understand the above situation and take necessary actions.

Requests to suppliers

Regarding lead free-cutting steel and lead as an alloying element in aluminum, or copper, please discuss and study substitute materials at your earliest timing, and submit your proposal to us, as early as possible. For the exemptions whose expiration date has been determined, their delivery to our company will be prohibited 6 months before the expiration date. Therefore, please contact the business division to which you deliver your products and switch to substitute components by then.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,