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## ANNEX

In Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU, points 6(a), 6(a)-I, 6(b), 6(b)-I, 6(b)-II and 6(c) are replaced by the following:

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| 6(a)     | Lead as an alloying element in steel for machining purposes and in galvanised steel containing up to 0,35 % lead by weight                       | Expires on [PO: 12 months after entry into force of the Delegated Directive].   |
| 6(a)-I   | Lead as an alloying element in steel for machining purposes containing up to 0,35% lead by weight*   | Expires on 30 June 2027 for all categories.   |
| 6(a)-II  | Lead as an alloying element in batch hot-dip galvanised steel components containing up to 0,2% lead by weight*                                   | Expires on 30 June 2027 for all categories.   |
| 6(b)     | Lead as an alloying element in aluminium containing up to 0,4% lead by weight  | Expires on [PO: 18 months after entry into force of the Delegated Directive].   |
| 6(b)-I   | Lead as an alloying element in aluminium containing up to 0,4% lead by weight, provided it stems from lead-bearing aluminium scrap recycling*    | Expires on [PO: 12 months after the entry into force of the Delegated Directive] for categories 1-7, 10.<br><br>Expires on 30 June 2027 for categories 9 industrial monitoring and control instruments, and 11. |
| 6(b)-II  | Lead as an alloying element in aluminium for machining purposes with a lead content up to 0,4% by weight*  | Expires on [PO: 18 months after the entry into force of the Delegated Directive] for categories 1-7, 10.<br><br>Expires on 30 June 2027 for categories 9 industrial monitoring and control instruments and 11.* |
| 6(b)-III | Lead as an alloying element in aluminium casting alloys containing up to 0,3% lead by weight provided it stems from lead-bearing aluminium scrap | Expires on 30 June 2027 for categories 1-8, 9 other than  |

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|      | recycling*                                       | industrial monitoring and control instruments, and 10. |
| 6(c) | Copper alloy containing up to 4% lead by weight* | Expires on 30 June 2027.'                              |

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‘\* 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. However, the exemption shall apply where the following can be both demonstrated:

the rate of lead release from such an EEE or any accessible part, whether coated or uncoated, does not exceed 0,05 µg/cm<sup>2</sup> per hour (equivalent to 0,05 µg/g/h),

for coated articles, that the coating is sufficient to ensure that this release rate is not exceeded for a period of at least two years of normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions of use of the EEE.

For the purpose of this footnote, it is considered that an EEE or accessible part of an EEE may be placed in the mouth by children if it is smaller than 5 cm in one dimension or has a detachable or protruding part of that size.’