

Regulatory Update

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New Customs Union Technical Regulation "On Restriction of use of hazardous substances in electrical and electronic products" to come into force on 1st March 2018

On 23rd of December 2016 EAEC has published Decision #113 of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission confirming that new technical regulation "On Restriction of use of hazardous substances in electrical and electronic products" (EAEC TR 037/2016) is to come into force on March 1, 2018.

Technical regulation determines a list of hazardous substances that electrical and electronic products should not contain in excess of the permissible level (for example (measured in percentage by weight, wt%), Lead - 0.1; Mercury - 0.1; Cadmium - 0.01; Hexavalent chromium - 0.1; Polybrominated biphenyls - 0.1; Polybrominated diphenyl ethers - 0.1).

Products which will fall under the scope of the new Regulation include (but are not limited to):

- Domestic appliances;
- Information technology equipment;
- Telecommunications equipment;
- Lighting equipment;
- Electrical tools;
- Leisure and sport equipment;
- Vending machines.

The Type Approval process is going to be similar to the EMC and Safety Approval schemes currently in place. The brief outline is below:

- Declaration scheme only will apply depending on equipment type. However, Certificates can still be issued if the equipment falls under Certification scheme for other CU Technical Regulations.
- A single Approval will be issued covering all applicable CU Regulations for a given device.
- The Technical Regulation will affect new Approvals only (issued after 1st of March 2018).

- All products will still be required to be labelled with the correct CU conformity mark as below.



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