

Regulatory Alert – Eurasian Customs Union

Draft Technical Regulations “On Restriction of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and electronics products” and “On the requirements for energy efficiency of energy-consuming devices”

“On Restriction of Hazardous Substances in electrical and electronic products”

On 2nd of August, the European Eurasian Commission approved the draft of Technical Regulation “On Restriction of Hazardous Substances in electrical and electronic products”. The Regulation establishes common requirements for manufacturers of radio, electrical and electronic products, prohibiting the content of certain hazardous substances. It has been developed in line with international practice including European Directive 2011/65/EU from 8th June 2011 (The Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances (RoHS) in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE) Directive (2011/65/ EU). It also outlines conditions for confirmation of compliance, labelling and operation in the Customs Union (CU) market.

It is expected that plans for the Regulation to come into force (expected during 2017) will be set in November this year.

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;

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- Leisure and sport equipment;
- Vending machines.

The Type Approval process is expected to be very 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.
- All products will still be required to be labelled with the correct CU conformity mark as below.



“On the requirements for energy efficiency of energy-consuming devices”

On 20th of June, European Eurasian Commission published a draft of the new Technical Regulation “On the requirements for energy efficiency of energy-consuming devices” on their website.

The Technical regulation establishes common energy efficiency requirements for manufacturers of various energy-consuming devices as well as outlining conditions for confirmation of compliance, labelling and operation in the CU market.

At this stage, the draft has not been approved and it is with member states for review. It is not clear how long the review by member states will take.

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

- Large household appliances (such as refrigerators, dishwashers, TV's etc);
- Chargers;
- Computers and servers;
- Electric lamps;
- Air conditioners

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According to the current draft, the Type Approval process is again expected to be very similar to the EMC and Safety Approval schemes currently in place and as detailed above.

- Declaration or Certification scheme will apply depending on equipment type.
- A single Approval will be issued covering all applicable CU Regulations for a given device.
- All products will still be required to be labelled with the correct CU conformity mark as below.



Approval costs will be confirmed once Technical Regulations officially come into force and Certification Bodies obtain relevant accreditations.

PCS will continue to monitor the situation very closely and advise of any further updates accordingly.

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