Suppliment tal-Gazzetta tal-Gvern ta' Malta Nru. 20,926, 20 ta' Settembru, 2022

Tagsima B

#### L.N. 239 of 2022

#### PRODUCT SAFETY ACT (CAP. 427)

#### Restriction of Use of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 2022

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by articles 38 and 39 of the Product Safety Act, the Minister responsible for consumer affairs, on the advice of the Director General (Technical Regulations), has made the following regulations:-

The title of these regulations is the Restriction of Use Citation, scope of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment and commencement. (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 2022 and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Restriction of Use of Hazardous S.L. 427.57. Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

- The scope of these regulations is to transpose: (2)
- Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2022/274 of 13 December 2021 amending, for the purposes of adapting to scientific and technical progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/ EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for the use of mercury in cold cathode fluorescent lamps and external electrode fluorescent lamps for special purposes;
- Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2022/275 of 13 December 2021 amending, for the purposes of adapting to scientific and technical progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/ EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for the use of mercury in other High Pressure Sodium (vapour) lamps for general lighting purposes;
- Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2022/276 of 13 December 2021 amending, for the purpose of adapting to technical and scientific progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/ EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for the use of mercury in single capped (compact) fluorescent lamps for general lighting purposes;
- Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2022/277 of 13 December 2021 amending, for the purpose of adapting to

technical and scientific progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for the use of mercury in single capped (compact) fluorescent lamps for general lighting purposes < 30 W with a lifetime equal to or above 20 000 h;

- (e) Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2022/278 of 13 December 2021 amending, for the purposes of adapting to scientific and technical progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for the use of mercury in metal halide lamps;
- (f) Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2022/279 of 13 December 2021 amending, for the purposes of adapting to scientific and technical progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for the use of mercury in other discharge lamps for special purposes;
- (g) Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2022/280 of 13 December 2021 amending, for the purposes of adapting to scientific and technical progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for the use of mercury in other low pressure discharge lamps;
- (h) Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2022/281 of 13 December 2021 amending, for the purpose of adapting to technical and scientific progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for the use of mercury in single capped (compact) fluorescent lamps for special purposes;
- (i) Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2022/282 of 13 December 2021 amending, for the purpose of adapting to technical and scientific progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for the use of mercury in non-linear tri-band phosphor lamps;
- (j) Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2022/283 of 13 December 2021 amending, for the purposes of adapting to scientific and technical progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for the use of mercury in High Pressure Sodium (vapour) lamps with improved colour rendering index for general lighting purposes;

- (k) Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2022/284 of 16 December 2021 amending, for the purposes of adapting to scientific and technical progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for the use of mercury in double-capped linear fluorescent lamps for general lighting purposes; and
- (1) Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2022/287 of 13 December 2021 amending, for the purposes of adapting to scientific and technical progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for mercury in fluorescent lamps for other general lighting and special purposes.
- (3) These regulations shall come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022.
- 2. Schedule III to the principal regulations shall be amended Amends as follows:

Amends Schedule III to the principal regulations.

(a) item 1 thereof shall be substituted by the following new item:

	1
"1 Mercury in single capped (compact) fluorescent	
lamps not exceeding (per burner):	
1(a) For general lighting purposes < 30 W: 2.5 mg	Expires on 24 February 2023
1(b) For general lighting purposes $\geq 30$ W and $< 50$	Expires on 24 February 2023
W: 3.5 mg	
1(c) For general lighting purposes $\geq 50$ W and $< 150$	Expires on 24 February 2023
W: 5 mg	
1(d) For general lighting purposes ≥ 150 W: 15 mg	Expires on 24 February 2023
1(e)For general lighting purposes with circular or square	Expires on 24 February 2023
structural shape and tube diameter ≤ 17 mm: 5 mg	
1(f)-I For lamps designed to emit mainly light in the	Expires on 24 February 2027
ultraviolet spectrum: 5 mg	
1(f)-II For special purposes: 5 mg	Expires on 24 February 2025
1(g) For general lighting purposes < 30 W with a	Expires on 24 August 2023";
lifetime equal or above 20,000 h: 3.5 mg	

(b) item 2(a) thereof shall be substituted by the following new item:

"2(a) Mercury in double-capped linear fluorescent	
lamps for general lighting purposes not exceeding (per	
lamp):	
2(a)(1) Tri-band phosphor with normal lifetime and a	Expires on 24 February 2023
tube diameter < 9 mm (e.g. T2): 4 mg	

2(a)(2) Tri-band phosphor with normal lifetime and a	Expires on 24 August 2023		
tube diameter $\geq 9$ mm and $\leq 17$ mm (e.g. T5): 3 mg			
2(a)(3) Tri-band phosphor with normal lifetime and a	Expires on 24 August 2023		
tube diameter $> 17$ mm and $\le 28$ mm (e.g. T8): 3.5 mg			
2(a)(4) Tri-band phosphor with normal lifetime and a	Expires on 24 February 2023		
tube diameter > 28 mm (e.g. T12): 3.5 mg			
2(a)(5) Tri-band phosphor with long lifetime (≥ 25,000	Expires on 24 February		
h): 5 mg.	2023";		

- (c) item 2(b) thereof shall be amended as follows:
- (i) entry (3) thereof shall be substituted by the following new entry:

"2(b)(3)Non-linear tri-band phosphor lamps with tube	Expires on 24 February 2023;
diameter > 17 mm (e.g. T9): 15 mg	10 mg may be used per lamp
	from 25 February 2023 until
	24 February 2025"; and

(ii) entry (4) thereof shall be substituted by the following new entry:

"2(b)(4)-ILamps for other general lighting and special				Expires on 24 February 2025	
purposes (e.g. induction lamps): 15 mg					
2(b)(4)-IILamps emitting mainly light in the			Expires on 24 February 2027		
ultraviolet spectrum: 15 mg					
2(b)(4)-IIIEmergency lamps: 15 mg			Expires on 24 February 2027";		

(d) item 3 thereof shall be substituted by the following new item:

"3	Mercury in cold cathode fluorescent lamps and	
extern	al electrode fluorescent lamps (CCFL and EEFL)	
for spe	ecial purposes used in EEE placed on the market	
before	24 February 2022 not exceeding (per lamp):	
3(a)	Short length ( $\leq 500$ mm): 3.5 mg	Expires on 24 February 2025
3(b)	Medium length (> 500 mm and $\leq$ 1,500 mm): 5	Expires on 24 February 2025
mg		
3(c)	Long length (> 1,500 mm): 13 mg	Expires on 24 February 2025";
		and

- (e) item 4 shall be amended as follows:
  - (i) entry (a) thereof shall be substituted by the

### following new entry:

"4(a) Mercury in other low pressure discharge lamps	Expires on 24 February 2023
(per lamp): 15 mg	
4(a)-I Mercury in low pressure non-phosphor coated	Expires on 24 February 2027";
discharge lamps, where the application requires the main	
range of the lamp-spectral output to be in the ultraviolet	
spectrum: up to 15 mg mercury may be used per lamp	

## (ii) entry (b) thereof shall be substituted by the following new entry:

"4(b) Mercury in High Pressure Sodium (vapour)	Expires on 24 February 2027
lamps for general lighting purposes not exceeding (per	
burner) in lamps with improved colour rendering index	
Ra $> 80$ : P $\le 105$ W: 16 mg may be used per burner	
4(b)-I Mercury in High Pressure Sodium (vapour)	Expires on 24 February 2023
lamps for general lighting purposes not exceeding (per	
burner) in lamps with improved colour rendering index	
Ra $>$ 60: P $\leq$ 155 W: 30 mg may be used per burner	
4(b)-II Mercury in High Pressure Sodium (vapour)	Expires on 24 February 2023
lamps for general lighting purposes not exceeding (per	
burner) in lamps with improved colour rendering index	
$Ra > 60$ : 155 W < P $\leq 405$ W: 40 mg may be used per	
burner	
4(b)-III Mercury in High Pressure Sodium (vapour)	Expires on 24 February 2023";
lamps for general lighting purposes not exceeding (per	
burner) in lamps with improved colour rendering index	
Ra $>$ 60: P $>$ 405 W: 40 mg may be used per burner	

# (iii) entry (c) thereof shall be substituted by the following new entry:

"4(c) Mercury in other High Pressure Sodium (vapour)	
lamps for general lighting purposes not exceeding (per	
burner):	
4(c)-I $P \le 155 \text{ W}: 20 \text{ mg}$	Expires on 24 February 2027
$4(c)$ -II 155 W < P $\leq$ 405 W: 25 mg	Expires on 24 February 2027
4(c)-III P > 405 W: 25 mg	Expires on 24 February 2027";

## (iv) entry (e) thereof shall be substituted by the following new entry:

"4(e)	Mercury in metal halide lamps (MH)	Expires on 24 February 2027";
		and

(v) entry (f) thereof shall be substituted by the following new entry:

"4(f)-I Mercury in other discharge lamps for special	Expires on 24 February 2025
purposes not specifically mentioned in this Annex	
4(f)-II Mercury in high pressure mercury vapour lamps	Expires on 24 February 2027
used in projectors where an output ≥2000 lumen ANSI is	
required	
4(f)-III Mercury in high pressure sodium vapour lamps	Expires on 24 February 2027
used for horticulture lighting	
4(f)-IV Mercury in lamps emitting light in the ultraviolet	Expires on 24 February 2027".
spectrum	

Amends Schedule VIII to the principal regulations. **3.** Schedule VIII to the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

- (a) immediately after the last paragraph "Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2021/1980 of 11 August 2021 amending, for the purposes of adapting to scientific and technical progress, Annex IV to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for the use of bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) in ion-selective electrodes for analysing human body fluids and/or dialysate fluids \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*." thereof, there shall be added the following new items:

Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2022/276 of 13 December 2021 amending, for the purpose of adapting to technical and scientific progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for the use of mercury in single capped (compact) fluorescent lamps for general lighting

purposes \*\*\*\*\*\*\*.

Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2022/278 of 13 December 2021 amending, for the purposes of adapting to scientific and technical progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for the use of mercury in metal halide lamps \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*.

Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2022/282 of 13 December 2021 amending, for the purpose of adapting to technical and scientific progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for the use of mercury in non-linear tri-band phosphor lamps \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*.

Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2022/287 of 13 December 2021 amending, for the purposes of adapting to scientific and technical progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for mercury in fluorescent lamps for other general lighting and special purposes \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*."; and

(b) immediately after the footnote "\*\*\*\*\*\*\*
Applicable as from 1st July 2022.", there shall be added the following new footnote:

"\*\*\*\*\*\* Applicable as from 1st October 2022.".