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EU RoHS Annex IV updates a mercury exemption

On July 11, 2023, the European Union issued the RoHS Revised Directive (EU) 2023/1437, adding an exemption entry 49 on mercury in Annex IV of the EU RoHS Directive, which takes effect on the twentieth day after its publication.

On 26 April 2021, the Commission received an application made in accordance with Article 5(3) of Directive 2011/65/EU for an exemption to be listed in Annex IV to that Directive, for mercury in melt pressure transducers for capillary rheometers at temperatures. After evaluation, the application meets the requirements for exemption from EU RoHS Directive 2011/65/EU. Therefore, the following entries have been added to Annex IV of the Directive:

Entry	Exemption items	Scope and validity period
49	Mercury in melt pressure transducers for capillary rheometers at temperatures over 300°C and pressures over 1000bar	Applies to category 9 and expires on 31 December 2025.

EU RoHS Restricted Substance Exemption includes Annex III and Annex IV. The exemption provisions of Annex III are applicable to electrical and electronic products of categories 1-11, while Annex IV is only applicable to electrical and electronic products of categories 8 and 9. This update is mainly for category 9, therefore relevant manufacturers of category 9 products need to pay attention to the latest developments of this exemption. The specific categories of electrical and electronic products of categories 1-11 are as follows:

Category	Product	Category	Product
1	Large household appliances	7	Toys, leisure and sports equipment
2	Small household appliances	8	Medical devices
3	IT and telecommunications equipment	9	Monitoring and control instruments including industrial monitoring and control instruments
4	Consumer equipment	10	Automatic dispensers
5	Lighting equipment	11	Other EEE not covered by any of the categories above
6	Electrical and electronic tools		

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