



Important | EU proposed for the amending of RoHS Annex III as regards an exemption for DEHP

On 26 April, 2019, the EU notified the WTO of G/TBT/N/EU/652 and proposed to add the exemption clause of DEHP in certain rubber components used in engine systems in Annex III to RoHS Directive 2011/65/EU.

In Annex III to RoHS Directive 2011/65/EU, the proposed adding clauses were as below:

No.	Exemptions use	The deadline of exemption
43	<p>Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate in rubber components in engine systems, designed for use in equipment that is not intended solely for consumer use and provided that no plasticised material comes into contact with human mucous membranes or into prolonged contact with human skin and the concentration value of bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate does not exceed:</p> <p>(a) 30 % by weight of the rubber for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) gasket coatings; (ii) solid-rubber gaskets; or (iii) rubber components included in assemblies of at least three components using electrical, mechanical or hydraulic energy to do work, and attached to the engine. <p>(b) 10 % by weight of the rubber for rubber-containing components not referred to in point (a).</p> <p>For the purposes of this entry, 'prolonged contact with human skin' means continuous contact of more than 10minutes duration or intermittent contact over a period of 30minutes, per day.</p>	Applies to category 11 and expires on 21 July 2024.

Original link: [G/TBT/N/EU/652](https://www.wto.org/trade-issues/official-documents/electronic/other/tbt/notify/2019/652.htm)

HCT SOLUTION :

The phthalate enforcement will be enforced on 22 July 2019. This new notification to WTO concerning the exemptions on Phthalate is helpful in clearing the technical barriers for the smooth enforcement of Phthalate. Relevant enterprises should step up the investigation of the conformity of their products in order to ensure that products can enter the EU market smoothly. HCT has wide testing fields and has convenient service channels that can help enterprises to assess the regulated specific chemical substances in products. Thus enterprises can successfully import products to designed target countries.

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