



November 10, 2021 Update

RoHS 2011/65/EU Notice of Expiry Exemption 7a (annex III)

In reference to the European Commission Directive 2011/65/EU (RoHS 2.0), exemption 7a—Lead in high melting temperature type solders (i.e. lead-based alloys containing 85% by weight or more lead) was set to expire July 21, 2021. The following are the affected product series:

- CMS8, CPFB, CTF6, CTF8,

Requests for the extension of this exemption were filed January 19, 2020, 18 months before the expiration date, therefore, existing exemptions for which a renewal request has been submitted remain valid until a decision is taken by the European Commission. This decision either indicates a new expiry date or, in case of rejection, grants a transition period of 12 to 18 months before the exemption expires.

As of November 10, 2021, the process is ongoing. Based on this available information, the 7a exemption has at least another 12 months of validity. See the following links for information regarding this process:

[Implementation of the RoHS Directive \(europa.eu\)](https://european-council.europa.eu/media/en/ppt/attachement/data/2011/06/2011165eu.pdf)

[RoHS Exemptions - Review of Annex to RoHS Directive: News \(oeko.info\)](https://www.oeko.info/en/news/11111)

[RoHS Exemptions - Review of Annex to RoHS Directive: Project Overview \(oeko.info\)](https://www.oeko.info/en/news/11111)

[RoHS Exemptions - Review of Annex to RoHS Directive: 2020 Consultation 2 \(oeko.info\)](https://www.oeko.info/en/news/11111)

To mitigate potential issues should the EU not extend the exemption, Cardinal recommends the following products to choose from:

CPS series

CX415 series

Note: Recommended replacements are not footprint compatible to CPFB

Please contact Cardinal for product solutions with a seam sealed package.