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Compliance Statement for RoHS, RoHS-2, & RoHS-3 on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment, for American Probe & Technologies products.

American Probe & Technologies offers a variety of products that meet global needs; some of these products can be ordered in versions that do not meet RoHS compliance. This is due to offering RoHS and non RoHS versions of some of APT's products. It is the responsibility of the ordering party to confirm that RoHS Compliant version is ordered if the final destination is within territories with RoHS compliance directives.

Compliance Statement for RoHS and RoHS-2, on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment, for American Probe & Technologies products.

1. Directive 2002/95/EC Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union on 27 January 2003 required the restriction of the use of lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyls (PBB), and polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE) in electrical and electronic equipment.
2. Directive 2011/65/EU was published in 2011 by the EU, which is known as RoHS-Recast or RoHS 2. RoHS 2 includes a **CE-marking directive**, with RoHS compliance now being required for CE marking of products. RoHS 2 also added Categories 8 and 9 and has additional compliance recordkeeping requirements.
3. Directive 2015/863 is known as RoHS 3. RoHS 3 adds four additional restricted substances (phthalates) to the list of six.

EU RoHS specifies maximum levels for the following 10 restricted substances. The first six applied to the original RoHS while the last four were added under RoHS 3, which took effect July 22, 2019.

- Cadmium (Cd): < 100 ppm
- Lead (Pb): < 1000 ppm
- Mercury (Hg): < 1000 ppm
- Hexavalent Chromium: (Cr VI) < 1000 ppm
- Polybrominated Biphenyls (PBB): < 1000 ppm
- Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers (PBDE): < 1000 ppm
- Bis(2-Ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP): < 1000 ppm
- Benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP): < 1000 ppm
- Dibutyl phthalate (DBP): < 1000 ppm
- Diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP): < 1000 ppm

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Draft Renewal Decisions for critical EU RoHS exemptions officially published

The **European Commission** has published draft renewal decisions for several **EU RoHS** Annex III exemptions, including critical exemptions such as 7(a), 7(c)-I, 7(c)-II, 6(a), 6(b), and 6(c). Feedback on the draft delegated directives can be **submitted** until February 10, 2025, and any feedback submitted will be considered by the authorities when finalizing the draft delegated directives.

These **EU RoHS** Annex III exemptions, many of which are heavily applied and essential for electronics manufacturers, have been without effective expiry dates since requests for renewal were submitted as far back as November of 2019. These decisions have been long-awaited by industry, and producers are encouraged to review potential impacts to their products.

The notable Exemption 6(c) that applies to American Probe & Technologies' products are those products that contain Free cutting BRASS (C360) also known as C3600 or UNS C36000 that contains a Max % of Pb (lead) of 4%.

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Exemption 6(c): This exemption will remain in force until December 31, 2026.

Definition: Copper alloy containing up to 4 % lead by weight*

American Probe & Technologies manufactured products meet the exemption criteria for lead based on:

- Steel, stainless steel and steel alloy products contain less than .35 percent lead by weight.
- Aluminum products contain less than .4 percent lead by weight.
- 6(c), Copper and Brass alloy contain less than 4 percent lead by weight.
- APT's standard finishes: phosphate coated, trivalent zinc plated, passivated products, gold and nickel plating processes are RoHS compliant.
- Products that are clearly labeled as containing lead and not to be sold in the European Parliament and of the Council of European Union where RoHS compliance is required.

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