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RE: Hazardous substances in Electronics and Electrical Equipment (EEE) not regulated by the European Union's Restrictions on the Use of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)

Dear Ms. Gross and Mr. Gensch,

The Consumer Electronics Association (CEA) has been informed from several of our member companies that the Joint Industry Guide (JIG) was referenced in your effort to look for 'Hazardous substances in EEE not regulated by RoHS'. We were surprised to learn about this reference.

In CEA's role of Secretariat for the JIG, we like to point out that the JIG is a declaration scheme to be used in the supply chain for business-to-business purposes. The JIG was developed for declaration purposes only (and not legislative purposes) in order to share information along the supply chain and was never intended to be used as the basis for any substance restriction or regulatory purpose. Whereas the JIG 'Level A' materials list of substances are required for declaration due to regulatory reasons, the JIG 'Level B' materials list is only recommended for declaration and was never intended to be a list of substances that present a risk to the environment.

If you have questions about the JIG, please contact me at any time.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joanne Sonenshine".

Joanne Sonenshine  
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