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**Re: Stakeholder consultation on adaptation to scientific and technical progress under Directive 2002/95/EC for the purpose of possible amendment of the Annex.**

Dear Sirs,

In my function as Executive Director of the Alliance for Consumer Fire Safety in Europe (ACFSE), I welcome the opportunity for interested parties to comment on possible amendments of the Annex to Directive 2002/95/EC.

ACFSE is working with senior fire fighters to ensure that consumers in Europe are as fully protected against the risk of fires in their homes as possible. It is in this context that I hereby submit comments with regard to point 12 of the Commission's consultation Document concerning substances used in safety equipment for fire and rescue services.

Fire fighters are using a certain number of safety equipment in the frame of their duty. It seems that some of this equipment requires the use of substances from Article 4.1 of the RoHS Directive.

Consequently I hereby seek to be reassured that:

- alternatives to these substances exist that provide at least the same level of fire protection currently met and which have been scientifically assessed for their health safety.
- if no alternatives exist to meet at least the same level of fire and health protection, that the relevant substances listed under Article 4.1 will be exempted from the directive ban, in view of the importance they have to the protection of fire fighters and the population.

Thank you for informing me about any further progress you will make on this matter.

Yours sincerely



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