



Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC

Orgalime Proposal for the European Commission Guidelines

Article 1 'Scope', 2(k)

"1. This Directive applies to the following products:

2. The following are excluded from the scope of this Directive:

(k) electrical and electronic products falling within the following areas, insofar as they are covered by Council Directive 73/23/EEC of 19 February 1973 on the harmonisation of the laws of Member States relating to electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits (3):

- household appliances intended for domestic use,
- audio and video equipment
- information technology equipment
- ordinary office machinery
- low-voltage switchgear and control gear
- electric motors"

What is unclear in the directive 2006/42/EC and has to be clarified?

The term "household appliances intended for domestic use" has to be explained.

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Household appliances intended for domestic use (as from Article 1.2(k) of 2006/42/EC) are the following:

- Appliances intended to be used in and around the home;
- Appliances also intended to be used by laymen in similar applications, such as:
 - Shops, offices and other working environments;
 - Farm houses and by clients in hotels, motels and other residential type environments;
 - Bed and breakfast type environments.
- The statement from the manufacturer of the household appliance, as written in the Declaration of Conformity and in the product information/instructions concerning the specific product, clarifies if an appliance has to be considered as intended for domestic use and consequently be covered by the Low Voltage Directive (LVD).
- The term "Household appliances intended for domestic use" is equivalent to what stated in EN 60335 series of standards "electrical appliances for household and similar use"

Consequently these appliances are not covered by Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC.

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