

Directive 2014/35/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits (recast) (Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER 1

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

*Article 2*

**Definitions**

For the purposes of this Directive, the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) ‘making available on the market’ means any supply of electrical equipment for distribution, consumption or use on the Union market in the course of a commercial activity, whether in return for payment or free of charge;
- (2) ‘placing on the market’ means the first making available of electrical equipment on the Union market;
- (3) ‘manufacturer’ means any natural or legal person who manufactures electrical equipment or has electrical equipment designed or manufactured, and markets that equipment under his name or trade mark;
- (4) ‘authorised representative’ means any natural or legal person established within the Union who has received a written mandate from a manufacturer to act on his behalf in relation to specified tasks;
- (5) ‘importer’ means any natural or legal person established within the Union who places electrical equipment from a third country on the Union market;
- (6) ‘distributor’ means any natural or legal person in the supply chain, other than the manufacturer or the importer, who makes electrical equipment available on the market;
- (7) ‘economic operators’ means the manufacturer, the authorised representative, the importer and the distributor;
- (8) ‘technical specification’ means a document that prescribes technical requirements to be fulfilled by an electrical equipment;
- (9) ‘harmonised standard’ means harmonised standard as defined in point (c) of point 1 of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012;
- (10) ‘conformity assessment’ means the process demonstrating whether the safety objectives referred to in Article 3 and set out in Annex I relating to electrical equipment have been fulfilled;
- (11) ‘recall’ means any measure aimed at achieving the return of electrical equipment that has already been made available to the end-user;

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- (12) 'withdrawal' means any measure aimed at preventing electrical equipment in the supply chain from being made available on the market;
- (13) 'Union harmonisation legislation' means any Union legislation harmonising the conditions for the marketing of products;
- (14) 'CE marking' means a marking by which the manufacturer indicates that the electrical equipment is in conformity with the applicable requirements set out in Union harmonisation legislation providing for its affixing.