

GAMES CONSOLES VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT

Explanatory Note on proposed updates

REVISIONS PROPOSED - SRI VERSION 3.9.4

The Games Consoles manufacturers revise the Voluntary Agreement (GCVA) of which they are Signatories in order to keep it up-to-date with the latest technological and regulatory developments as well as in response to Commission and stakeholder feedback, where appropriate.

As part of their commitments under the GCVA, the Signatories are performing the 3rd review of the VA in 2020, in view of the launch announcement of new generation consoles by 2 manufacturers. The table below provides a brief overview of the main changes proposed.

Area	Section	Updates being proposed
Energy Efficiency	2.2	Addition of examples of peripheral devices and related explanatory footnotes, for clarity
	2.4, D	Amalgamation of the low power modes under one group
	3.1.1	Removal of bullet point already covered by the Annexes and by the standby regulations
	3.1.2.1	Addition of Tiers 5 and 6 power caps, including those applicable to 8K definition consoles
	3.1.3	Move bullet point on performance in testing conditions to appropriate section (3.c)
	Annex A-1, 2	Clarification that the 10% tolerance in verification testing applies for power consumption only
	Annex A-1, 2	Removal of out-of-date reference to standard EC 62087:2011 and explanatory placeholder added
	Annex A-1, 4	Addition of explanatory placeholder re APD test methodology which will be added at a later stage
Resource Efficiency	3.2	Clarification on availability of key components to independent repairers and consumers
	3.2	Addition of effective date for halogenated flame retardants restriction
	3.2.1	Alignment of text with the relevant standards and directives
	3.2.1	Clarification on recycled plastic content in external enclosures
	3.2.1	Deletion of mention on LCD display content of mercury to align with Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/2021 (Display Regulation)
	Annex A-2	Clarification of verification information in Table 5
Other	Throughout	Minor editorial clarifications
	4.3	Update of text on Committee meetings to reflect current situation relative to travel restrictions
	4.4	Clarification of the Independent Inspector role
	5.4.1, 5.4.2	Reorder of text and addition of subheading
	6	Addition of text regarding the Annual Compliance Report
	Annex C	Clarification of text on data collection and processing