Thank you very much for your feedback. We are looking forward to the publication of the guide.

Regarding your additional question, our new cameras implement USB Type-C already and the issue will therefore disappear.

Best regards,

My turn to apologise for the delayed response.

It seems that this cameras, indeed, does not fall under the definition of a ‘radio equipment capable of being recharged via wired charging’.
It is actually a situation ‘similar’ to a product which would be powered by AA-type batteries.

We will make sure that this type of situation is clearly explained and clarified in the guide.

Regarding this specific product, do you intend to switch to USB-C at some point for the feeding? If so, any idea of when it is planned? I assume that it will be updated when you will update the model.

Regards,
Dear [Name],

Sorry for the delayed response. Please find more information in the attached material. I hope this example clarifies the concept of the power feeding.

As you might remember from previous discussions, cameras have a long lifetime and are sold throughout many years. In general, models launched before a year ago included an AC adaptor and USB cable, while models launched since last year are supplied without USB cable and without AC adaptor. Of course, all components can be sold separately by consumers. Also, distributors regularly sell kits according to their own preference (e.g. including charger, lenses, shooting grips, bag, etc.).

I hope it clarifies a bit more the situation. Guidance on this would be helpful for us to make correct decisions regarding older models.

Best regards,

From: @ec.europa.eu
Sent: Thursday, 27 April 2023 11:42
To: @sony.com
Cc: @ec.europa.eu; @sony.com; @ec.europa.eu; @ec.europa.eu
Subject: RE: Sony request for clarification on common charger

Dear [Name],

Thank you for your message, which is indeed an interesting case.

We have been discussing it but we would like to get more information about the product at hand in order to be able reply precisely.

Would you have pictures and technical specifications of all the components at hand (camera, battery, external battery charger, external power supply, etc.)? And also could you inform us on how those components are currently sold? together or separately?

Thanks in advance.

From: @sony.com
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 2:38 PM
To: @ec.europa.eu; @ec.europa.eu
Cc: @ec.europa.eu; @ec.europa.eu; @sony.com
Subject: RE: Sony request for clarification on common charger

Dear [Name],

dear [Name],
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Directive (EU) 2022/2380 applies to certain categories of radio equipment capable of being recharged by means of wired charging. In our understanding, recharging is the capability to power the battery inside the radio equipment. We would like to clarify how ‘feeding power’ needs to be considered in the light of this Directive. In the case of ‘feeding power’, the power supplied to the radio equipment (e.g. via legacy USB-ports) is not charging the battery inside the device, but powering the equipment directly and allowing the equipment to continuously operate its functions for a long time (e.g. long recording with a digital camera). The removable battery can only be charged via an external battery charger, not inside the radio equipment itself. In case the power is supplied to the radio equipment and not charging the battery inside the device, our understanding is that such equipment is not in scope of the ‘common charger’ requirements. We would appreciate your clarification on this matter. Also, inclusion of such clarification in a possible guidance document would be very helpful.

Should you need more information, please don’t hesitate to let me know.

Best regards,

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, 21 September 2022 16:36
To: [redacted]@ec.europa.eu>
Cc: @ec.europa.eu; @ec.europa.eu; @ec.europa.eu>
Subject: RE: Sony request for clarification on common charger

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Dear [redacted],
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From: @ec.europa.eu
Sent: Wednesday, 21 September 2022 16:03
To: @sony.com
Cc: @ec.europa.eu; @ec.europa.eu; @ec.europa.eu
Subject: RE: Sony request for clarification on common charger

Dear ,

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From: @sony.com @sony.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 5:34 PM
To: @ec.europa.eu
Cc: @ec.europa.eu; @ec.europa.eu; @ec.europa.eu; @ec.europa.eu
Subject: RE: Sony request for clarification on common charger

Dear ,

Best regards,

From: @ec.europa.eu
Sent: Tuesday, 20 September 2022 13:44
To: @sony.com
Cc: @ec.europa.eu; @ec.europa.eu
Subject: RE: Sony request for clarification on common charger

Dear ,

Best regards,
Dear [Name],

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a relaxing summer break. I hope you've had a chance to unwind and recharge.

Best regards,

Jan

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