

Our Ref: RoHS compliance (2002/95/EC)



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Re: RoHS Compliance Directive 2002/95/EC

We are aware that this European directive comes into effect on 1st July 2006. We also understand that it is specifically aimed at restricting the use of hazardous materials in Electrical and Electronic equipment.

The specific banned substances are:

- Lead (0.1% by weight)
- Mercury (0.1% by weight)
- Hexavalent Chromium (0.1% by weight)
- PBB (polybrominated biphenyls) (0.1% by weight)
- PBDE (polybrominated diphenyl ethers) (0.1% by weight)
- Cadmium (0.01% by weight)

The maximum allowable levels stated above are for homogenous materials and are currently only in draft form. The annex of this directive also permits the following:

“Lead is permitted as an alloying element in steel containing up to 0.35% lead by weight, aluminium containing up to 0.4% lead by weight and as a copper alloy containing up to 4% lead by weight.”

As a supplier to this industry we recognise the need for our products to comply and as such we are actively working with our supplier base to ensure that we will be able to declare our products fully compliant.

We believe that there should not be any issues with our products, however, we need to satisfy ourselves that our suppliers understand the directive and comply.

Our target is to issue a declaration by mid May 2006.

We hope that this plan is acceptable to our customers and ask for their support during the interim period.

If you have any questions regarding this issue please direct them to:

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