

# Environmental issues

The manufacture of lighting and electronic products involves the use of a wide range of materials and substances, some of which are now controlled by legislation concerning the use of hazardous substances. In addition there is legislation covering the treatment of 'end of life' products which has an impact on the lighting industry, both in terms of the disposal of lamps and luminaires.

The most relevant measures are:

- Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive 2012/19/EU
- Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) Directive 2011/65/EU

Both of these directives are covered by UK Statutory Instruments – The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2013 and The Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2012.

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