

Reduction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) Directives

Alongside the introduction of recycling schemes for WEEE products the EU also developed legislation to restrict the use of hazardous substances in these products. The RoHS Directive 2002/95/ EC requires the use of certain heavy metals, flame retardant chemicals and other materials to be replaced by safer alternatives. This Directive was revised as the RoHS recast Directive 2011/65/ EU and it became effective on the 3rd January 2013. The Directive was transposed into UK Law by Statutory Instrument 2012 No. 3032 Environmental Protection – The Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2012, which came into force on the 2nd January 2013 and requires CE marking from this date. The use of other RoHS logos is no longer allowed. www.gov.uk/rohs-compliance-and-guidance



As an indication of the close links between the WEEE and RoHS Regulations, there has been a further revision of the RoHS Regulations to align the Regulations. This has been done via Statutory Instrument 2014 No. 1771 Environmental Protection - The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment and Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment) Regulations 2014.

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