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Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (RoHS)



Statement on the “RoHS” Directive

The European Union has repealed the **Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) Directive (2002/95/EC)** and replaced it with the recast **Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) Directive (2011/65/EU)**, which restricts the use of certain substances in electrical and electronic products, including lead (Pb), mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, and certain halide-containing flame retardants. The recast now draws its scope from the categories laid out in Annex 1 of the Directive as opposed to Annex 1a of the Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive.

The directive applies to all electrical and electronic products, and their component parts, placed on the market after 1st July 2006, with the following exceptions :

- a. Medical devices placed on the market before 22nd July 2012
- b. In vitro diagnostic medical devices placed on the market before 22 July 2016
- c. Monitoring and control instruments placed on the market before 22 July 2014
- d. Industrial monitoring and control instruments placed on the market before 22 July 2017

Telecom Connections Limited is committed to compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, including the restriction of hazardous substances in electronic products. The RoHS Directive specifies that an electronic product or component may not contain a listed substance except as specifically provided for in the directive.

Telecom Connections aim has always been to comply with the RoHS Directive prior to the 1st July 2006 implementation date for all products, and to enable this, all production shipped are compliant, in accordance with customer requirements.

Telecom Connections monitors stock levels to ensure that any new stock is compliant and managed accordingly. This allows our customers to have confidence that they are receiving a compliant product.

Telecom Connections do not use raw materials, compliance of the components we use, is ensured during the buying process and if required, we will send confirmation of the current status. To ensure compliance, our products and components do not contain any substances listed below in concentrations higher than 0.1% or 0.01% for Cadmium MCV (Maximum Concentration Values) in any homogeneous material :

Lead Pb
Chromium Cr (VI)
Mercury Hg
Cadmium Cd
PBB (Polybrominated Biphenyl)
PBDE (Polybrominated Diphenyl Ether)

Telecom Connections will only use substitutes and alternatives that do not compromise product quality or safety.

In addition, Telecom Connections has been working with our supply chain partners to ensure every aspect of our business accommodates these new requirements.

Please be aware that we cannot give any information about the products, we always rely on the data from the manufacturer.

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Telecom Connections are not in the position to give legally binding information, the information you receive from TCL is what the supplier has provided to us.

Since we are taking all efforts to gather the information on RoHS, we are not responsible for missing information. Therefore we will assume no liability for financial losses (indemnity, loss of profit) or civil penalties caused by official ruling.

Telecom Connections are not a design house and work to specifications and drawings provided by the customer. Where products are made to customer requirements, Telecom Connections are only responsible for the purchase of components and materials used for the manufacture of that product. Telecom Connections are not responsible for ensuring the end product placed on the market is compliant to the directive.

Please keep checking our website for any updates.

If you have any questions on this directive, or need further details, please contact the Quality Manager.

Sincerely,

Colin Dixon
Managing Director

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