



WEEE Directive 2012/19/EU

Members are reminded that the transitional period for the European Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive ends on the 14th August 2018. The “open scope” nature of the Directive, coupled with the specific inclusion of “equipment for the generation of electric currents” in the scope of the Directive, means that power generation equipment placed on the European Market by members is likely to fall into scope unless they can show that an exclusion clause applies.

Exclusions from the scope of the Directive are available for permanently installed larger products, chiefly those with rated outputs over 375 kW electrical and for those with rated outputs exceeding 1 000 V A.C. Products of any size that are not permanently installed are likely to fall into scope unless produced specifically for military use.

The WEEE Directive requires producers of electrical and electronic equipment to register with producer schemes in European Member States in which the products are to be placed on the market prior to the Directive becoming applicable to the products. The Directive does not affect the design of products, nor does it affect the ability to CE mark products. Members who feel their products are likely to fall into scope of the Directive are advised to seek advice from one of the producer schemes or consultants in this field.

RoHS Directive 2011/65/EU

Members are further reminded that the transitional period for Industrial Controls and Monitoring Equipment under the European Directive on the Restriction on Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (RoHS) ends on 22nd July 2017. After this date, all equipment that is within scope of Annex I Category 9 that is placed on the market within the European Union, EEA and Switzerland must comply fully with the Directive.

Members are further reminded that all transitional periods under the original Directive 2011/65/EU expire on 22nd July 2019. After this date, all Electrical and Electronic Equipment must comply with the Directive.

Members are also reminded of the publication of Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2015/863 of 31 March 2015 amending Annex II to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the list of restricted substances. This legislation had the effect of adding four new substances to the RoHS Directive; namely, Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), Butyl benzyl phthalate (BBP), Dibutyl phthalate (DBP) and Diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP).

The restrictions on these substances are due to come into force on 22nd July 2019 for all Electrical and Electronic Equipment, with the exception of *in vitro* medical devices, and monitoring and control instruments, including industrial monitoring and control instruments; where the restrictions apply from 22 July 2021.

The RoHS Directive affects the material content of end-use products and the ability to CE mark these products and in order for manufacturer's products to be placed on the European market, manufacturers must either comply with the Directive by the end of the transitional period or show that an exclusion clause or valid exemption exists. Such exclusion clauses may include the large-scale exclusions, referred to above, which are similar.

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