

EU RoHS and WEEE Compliance



The European Union issued Directive 2002/95/EC regarding the Restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances (RoHS) in electrical and electronic equipment and Directive 2002/96/EC on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE). Under RoHS, Electrical and electronic equipment producers must restrict the use of lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyls (PBB), and polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE) in products sold in the European Union (EU). This restriction holds producers to maximum concentration values below those defined in the amendment to the RoHS Directive, Commission Decision 2005/618/EC dated August 18, 2005.



PT products compliant with RoHS are marked with a lead-free symbol on the serial number label. Products that do not have this symbol on the serial label must be assumed to be non-compliant.

Although PT has taken commercially reasonable measures to assure certified compliant products do not contain amounts of the banned substances that exceed the directive's allowable percentages of each homogeneous material, the company's sole obligation in the event certified products are found to be non-compliant is to replace non-compliant products with compliant products or, at PT's sole option, to accept return of the products and refund the purchase price.

The WEEE directive requires producers of electronic equipment to facilitate the repair, upgrading, re-use or disassembly, and recycling of products once at end of life. This directive also requires removal of certain substances, preparations, and components from any separately collected WEEE as defined in Annex II of the WEEE directive.



PT products that fall under the WEEE Directive are marked with the proper symbol as provided in the WEEE Directive.

End-user buyers of PT products shipped to the EU are, as the company's business-to-business customers, the responsible party for WEEE directive compliance. PT encourages end-user buyers of the company's products to locate proper waste disposal companies within their countries. OEM buyers of PT products or their end-user customers (depending on the agreements entered into between them) are the responsible parties for the disposal of PT products per the WEEE directive.

For more information:

EU RoHS Directive

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2003:037:0019:0023:en:PDF>

On RoHS, WEEE and the subsequent secondary legislation, including FAQs, visit:

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/weee/index_en.htm

By individual country regarding WEEE implementation, visit:

<http://www.buyusa.gov/europeanunion/weee.html>

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