

To whom it may concern.

Multi-Contact and the European Regulations 2002/95/EC (RohS), 2002/96/EC (WEEE) and others

2002/95/EC (RohS)

The European Regulation 2002/95/EC (RohS) regulates the use of the hazardous substances lead (Pb), mercury (Hg), cadmium (Cd), hexavalent chromium (Cr^{VI}), polybrominated biphenyls (PBB) and polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE) in electrical and electronic equipment.

New electrical and electronic equipment put on the market after 1 July 2006 shall not contain any of those substances, with a few exceptions.

Multi-Contact is making great efforts to obey this regulation. Basically, all Multi-Contact products do comply to the RoHS. One exception is a Sn plating containing 10% Pb on a few products. Tests at MC are running, and beginning with January 1, 2005, this plating will be replaced

Multi-Contact is also checking its packaging and labelling material. Only packaging and labelling material concurring to 1994/62/EC (European Parliament and Council directive on packaging and packaging waste) will be accepted.

2003/11/EC

The European Regulation 2003/11/EC regulates the use of pentaBDE and octaBDE. These are already restricted by the RoHS, but the restriction in the 2003/11/EC becomes affective earlier, on August 15, 2004. No Multi-Contact product contains pentaBDE or octaBDE.

2002/96/EC (WEEE)

The European directive 2002/96/EC (Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste electrical and electronic equipment, WEEE) regulates the reuse and recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment. As electrical and electronic equipment identified are:

- Large household appliances
- Small household appliances
- IT and telecommunications equipment
- Consumer equipment
- Lighting equipment
- Electrical and electronic tools (with the exception of large-scale stationary industrial tools)
- Toys, leisure and sports equipment
- Medical devices (with the exception of all implanted and infected products)
- Monitoring and control instruments

- Automatic dispensers

Multi-Contact only produces parts and components which could be contained in those appliances as sub-components. Therefore, WEEE does not really apply to Multi-Contact products. However, MC does endeavour to concur to the WEEE. MC does allow the use of recycled metals in alloys.

Furthermore, Multi-Contact observes the laws and standards of different countries and regions, and makes great efforts to avoid not only the substances regulated in RohS, but also others such as ozone depleting chemicals (regulated in 2000/2037/EC) or substances hazardous to health (according to European regulations or others).

Regulatory links:

2002/95/EC (RohS):

http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/pri/en/oj/dat/2003/l_037/l_03720030213en00190023.pdf

2002/96/EC (WEEE):

http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/pri/en/oj/dat/2003/l_037/l_03720030213en00240038.pdf

1994/62/EC:

http://europa.eu.int/smartapi/cgi/sga_doc?smartapi!celexapi!prod!CELEXnumdoc&lg=en&numdoc=31994L0062&model=guichett

2000/2037/EC:

http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/pri/en/oj/dat/2000/l_244/l_24420000929en00010024.pdf

2003/11/EC:

http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/pri/en/oj/dat/2003/l_042/l_04220030215en00450046.pdf

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