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## **Wurth/Service Supply Policy Regarding EU Directive on RoHS**

### **Background**

“RoHS” refers to **Restriction of Hazardous Substances** (EU Directive 2002/95/EC) which is a European Directive to control and eliminate the use of certain substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment “EEE” and “Vehicle” manufacturing (see EU Directive WEEE EU 2002/96/EC). While RoHS is a European Union directive, other countries as well as certain states in the US are preparing similar legislature. The present deadline for RoHS compliance is July 1, 2006 for all shipments in to Europe.

Under the RoHS Directive, the restricted substances are as follows: Lead, Mercury, Hexavalent Chromium, Cadmium, (PBB) Flame Retardants and (PBDE) Flame Retardants. Because “EEE” and “Vehicles” have relatively short life cycles, these products enter landfills at a very high rate, and therefore, the use of hazardous substances in these products has been specifically targeted for elimination or reduction.

Fasteners may be affected by this directive. Since fasteners are typically specified with an electroplating of zinc, zinc & yellow or cadmium, these parts may not be in compliance. (There may be additional coatings subject to RoHS). There are also machining steels and flame retardant plastics that must be reviewed for lead and “PBB” and “PBDE” respectively.

### **The Wurth/Service Supply Policy**

Since (a) there are too many ways to be responsive to the RoHS Directive and other related legal provisions or to the equivalent laws of other jurisdictions, (b) we cannot be really sure which laws and rules may apply to your business or products and to what extent they may apply,

**Wurth/Service Supply disclaims any responsibility for compliance of its products with the RoHS Directive and other related legal provisions or with the equivalent laws of other jurisdictions. It is the responsibility of the customer to determine the scope and applicability of these laws. It is further the responsibility of the customer to provide Wurth/Service Supply with the appropriate specifications for compliant product.**

All certificates of compliance issued by Wurth/Service Supply will follow the format specifically developed by Wurth/Service Supply. Wurth/Service Supply cannot accommodate requests for certification that deviate from such format.

### **Recommendations**

The EU Directives are fairly straightforward and we strongly suggest that your team will do a thorough review to determine their applicability and whether and to what extent materials and/or platings may need to be changed as a result, as well as for the potential performance and cost impacts. Please advise us then as promptly as possible **in writing** whether the specifications of the products required by you will need to be updated to reflect the new compliant materials or