

Date: November 23, 2020

Dear Valued Customer,

RE: RoHS 3 (2015/863/EU) RoHS Application Statement for Texwipe Products

The Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) Directive (2011/65/EU) aims to restrict the use of hazardous substance in electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) with a view to contributing to the protection of human health and the environment. ANNEX II of this Directive has been amended (2015/863/EU) to include certain phthalates because they are substances of very high concern (SVHC).

Article 2 in DIRECTIVE 2011/65/EU, "On the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment," states that, "This Directive shall, subject to paragraph 2, apply to EEE (electrical and electronic equipment) falling within the categories set out in Annex I."

The Annex I categories of EEE covered by this Directive, are listed below:

1. Large household appliances.
2. Small household appliances.
3. IT and telecommunications equipment.
4. Consumer equipment.
5. Lighting equipment.
6. Electrical and electronic tools.
7. Toys, leisure and sports equipment.
8. Medical devices.
9. Monitoring and control instruments including industrial monitoring and control instruments.
10. Automatic dispensers.
11. Other EEE not covered by any of the categories above.

Texwipe's products are not included in these categories.

Products placed on the EU market on or after 1 July 2006 may not contain more than the specified limits of lead, cadmium, mercury, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyls (PBB) and polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE) as specified in ANNEX II (Restricted substances referred to in Article 4(1) and maximum concentration values tolerated by weight in homogeneous materials) of DIRECTIVE 2011/65/EU. These substances are:

1. Lead (0.1 %)
2. Mercury (0.1 %)
3. Cadmium (0.01 %)
4. Hexavalent chromium (0.1 %)
5. Polybrominated biphenyls (PBB) (0.1 %)
6. Polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE) (0.1 %)

This Directive applies primarily to those who manufacture Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE), those who import these goods into the EU; those who export to other Member States; and those who re-brand equipment produced by others.

The next group of substances:

7. Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) (0.1 %)
8. Butyl benzyl phthalate (BBP) (0.1 %)
9. Dibutyl phthalate (DBP) (0.1 %)
10. Diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP) (0.1 %)

are restricted for use in medical devices, including *in vitro* medical devices, and monitoring and control instruments, including industrial monitoring and control instruments, from 22 July 2021.

Texwipe has reviewed all of its products, consulting with the RoHS Enforcement UK Group. Texwipe has determined that our products are excluded from the scope of the RoHS directive, as confirmed by RoHS Enforcement UK Group. None of our products are produced with any of the restricted material regulated under RoHS. It is not reasonably expected that any of our provided items contain any of the restricted compounds in levels other than trace concentrations.

Texwipe is committed to producing the highest possible quality products to meet the needs of our customers.

Any feedback and suggestions are encouraged and should be forwarded to your Texwipe representative.

Regards,



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