

RoHS-Directive, REACH-Regulation, Conflict Minerals and prohibited and declarable substances

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General declaration

Due to the abundance of questions and customer-specific forms on these topics, we hereby issue a general explanation.

We would also like to take this opportunity to inform you about our company guidelines and the obligations of our suppliers.

The RoHS II - Directive 2011/65/EU has extended its scope for banned substances at different levels with the Directive 2015/863/EU. Since 22 July 2019, it will apply to all electrical and electronic equipment that is not expressly excluded. Our declaration contains the amendment 2015/863/EU to the RoHS Directive 2011/65/EU, already since 04/2016.

Together with our suppliers, TKD Kabel GmbH has implemented the following guidelines:

- Conflict Minerals (US-Dodd-Frank-Act)
- RoHS II 2011/65/EU (Restriction of Hazardous Substances)
 - >>> Communication of the candidate list (REACH, SVHC)
 - Note:** Substances on Annex XIV are included in the SVHC list.
 - <https://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table>
 - >>> REACH Annex XVII & "POP" REGULATION (EU) 2019/1021 (a.o. PFOA, PCBs)
 - <https://echa.europa.eu/de/substances-restricted-under-reach>
 - <https://echa.europa.eu/de/list-of-substances-subject-to-pops-regulation>
- EG WEEE (Waste of Electric and Electronic Equipment)

These guidelines apply to the entire product portfolio.

The substances in this case are i.a.:

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| • Lead | 0.1% | • Decabromdiphenylether (DecaBDE) | 0.1% |
| • Mercury | 0.1% | • Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalat (DEHP) | 0.1% |
| • Cadmium | 0.01% | • Benzylbutylphthalat (BBP) | 0.1% |
| • Hexavalent chromium | 0.1% | • Dibutylphthalat (DBP) | 0.1% |
| • Polybrominated biphenyl (PBB) | 0.1% | • Diisobutylphthalat (DIBP) | 0.1% |
| • Polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE) | 0.1% | | |

ROHS 3 – Info

RoHS 3" resp. "RoHS III" is commonly used to refer to Directive 2015/863/EU, which extended the list of hazardous substances to the substances listed beside.

However, this is not a new, independent directive, but merely a subsequent adaptation of the RoHS II Directive 2011/65/EU in Annex II.

Furthermore, our products comply with the substance restrictions resp. do not contain any substances of very high concern, which are listed as SVHC under the current REACH regulation.

Together with our suppliers, TKD Kabel GmbH has also implemented the following guidelines:

- Conflict Minerals
- Prohibited and declarable substances

As a global supplier, TKD Kabel GmbH promotes the traceability of these minerals and transparency of its supply chain. Although TKD Kabel GmbH is not subject to any obligation to provide information in accordance with § 1502, we are extremely aware of the importance of this topic.

In doing so, we have a corresponding obligation to work together with our suppliers to produce products that meet our customers' specifications. At the same time, we try to ensure transparency of the entire supply chain when using conflict minerals.

As a result of this obligation, our suppliers must comply with all these requirements and inform us accordingly. If there are any prohibited substances that require a declaration, our suppliers must notify us of them. We share this information with our business partners.

If there are product-specific exceptions or additions, these are taken into individual agreements with the customer.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate and contact us.

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