

## Important Legislative Changes – RoHS II Compliance

I am writing to provide an update on the work KAC is doing to comply with the new RoHS II legislation which will be effective on 22nd July 2014.

**Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)** The primary purpose of the RoHS Directive (2002/95/EC) is to restrict the use of hazardous substances in electrical products. Since 2006, the EU banned the sale of all new electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) containing designated maximum allowable levels of lead, cadmium, mercury, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyl (PBB) and polybrominated diphenyl ether (PBDE) flame retardants.

In June 2011, the updated RoHS II directive (2011/65/EU) added new categories to the list of affected end products, including Category 9 - Monitoring and Control Instruments. These products were previously exempt from the directive but will no longer be exempt as of 22nd July 2014.

RoHS II is also part of a new legislative framework which affects CE marking and Declaration of Conformity, which has implications for manufacturers. It means that each product covered by ROHS must have technical testing and accompanying documents, including a Declaration of Conformity and CE marking affixed to the product.

More information on RoHS II can be found on the EU website [Here](#).

As a responsible manufacturer, we are committed to achieving compliance with new EU legislation in the shortest timeframe possible. When the changes were introduced, we immediately set up a taskforce targeted with converting all of our products so that they become RoHS compliant. The team has been working closely with our suppliers to find viable and safe alternatives to all of the substances being phased-out under RoHS, ensuring that our products will achieve compliance with the Directive within the projected timeframe.

**Declaration of Conformity** As a result of this work, I can confirm that KAC does not use any RoHS restricted materials during the manufacturing, storage or handling process. And to the best of our knowledge, the fire detection products that we sell do not contain any chemical of concern above the limits designated in the original RoHS Directive or any of its amendments. Products labeled as CE are compliant with European Parliament Directives 2002/95/EC (RoHS) and 2011/65/EU (RoHS II).

I hope this clarifies our position on this matter. If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact me or your Business Manager.

Yours Sincerely

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## **DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY**

### **To the RoHS II directive (2011/65/EU)**

#### **Restrictions on the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment**

Effective 22 July 2014

I hereby confirm that KAC is in compliance with the RoHS II directive. To the best of our knowledge, the products that we sell do not contain any hazardous substances above the limits designated in the original RoHS Directive or any of its amendments. Namely lead, cadmium, mercury, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyl (PBB) and polybrominated diphenyl ether (PBDE) flame retardants.

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