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IMI Precision and REACH / RoHS / WEEE / ELV / TSCA: For Health and the Environment

IMI Precision Engineering (PE) is aware of its responsibility towards health and the environment and is committed to observing European & US environmental directives. These primarily target the following objectives:

- a) lowering the pollutant content in end products, and
- b) reducing or preventing waste from electrical and electronic equipment, as well as reusing these by recycling them.

REACH

(**REACH = Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals**)
 EU Directive 1907/2006 has been in force since 01 June 2007. Its main purpose is to ensure a high level of protection for human health and the environment against hazards stemming from chemical substances. To contribute to environmental and health protection, all products we bring onto the market are made from materials that are consistent with this directive.

RoHS

(**RoHS = Restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances in electrical and electronic equipment**)

EU Directive 2015/863/EU (RoHS III) has been in force since 22 July 2019. It sets limitations on the use of specific hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment and is amendment of Directive 2011/65/EU. According to Annex II of 2011/65/EU and amended 2015/863/EU the following substances are subject to limitation (per-centage by weight in parentheses): lead (0.1%), mercury (0.1%), cadmium (0.01 %), hexavalent chromium (0.1%), polybrominated biphenyls (PBB) (0.1 %), polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE) (0.1%),

added in 2015:

Bis(2-Ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP): (0.1%), Benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP): (0.1%), Dibutyl phthalate (DBP): (0.1%), Diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP): (0.1%)

WEEE

(**WEEE = Waste of Electrical and Electronic Equipment**)

EU Directive 2012/19/EU (WEEE II), dated 24 July 2012, replaces Directive 2002/96/EC from 13 February 2003. Its aims primarily to reduce and prevent waste from electrical and electronic equipment and to reuse and recycle such equipment. By expanding manufacturer responsibilities, WEEE II is intended to prevent and reduce electronic scrap and ensure that it is disposed of in an environmentally sound manner.

2000/53/EC Directive on End-of-Life Vehicles (ELV)

EU Directive 2000/53/EC has been in force since 21 October 2000 and was last revised on 01 June 2017. It forms a basis of uniform European conditions for handling end-of-life vehicles and establishes measures that primarily aim to prevent, re-use and recycle waste from vehicles. Each year, between 8 and 9 million tons of waste from end-of-life vehicles are generated within the European Community. This waste must be properly disposed of.

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German Electronic and Electrical Equipment Act (ElektroG)

Both directives (RoHS and WEEE) have been enshrined in German national law through the amended Electronic and Electrical Equipment Act (ElektroG) of 20 October 2015.

German Ordinance on the Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (ElektroStoffV)

The German ElektroStoffV Ordinance of 19 April 2013, including its most recent amendment from 04 May 2017, regulates the implementation of the European Parliament's EU Directive 2015/863/EU.

The Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976 (TSCA)

On January 6, 2021, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a final rule prohibiting the processing and distribution into commerce of 5 new substances (PIP (3:1), DecaBDE, 2,4,6-TTBP, HCB, PCTP) under Section 6(h) of the Toxic Chemicals under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) as persistent, bioaccumulative toxins.

This regulation has two important requirements. First, it bans the distribution of products containing these substances immediately within the U.S. Second, EPA is requiring that persons manufacturing, processing, and distributing these substances, and products containing these substances into commerce notify their customers of these restrictions starting March 8, 2021.

We are aware of this environmental policy and are working continuously with our suppliers to be consistent with this regulation.

Our commitment benefits our customers

We make every effort to fulfil the above stated EU & US directives, even if they do not directly apply to every field of application for our products. If you own equipment, systems or machines fitted with products from IMI Precision that are subject to the directives mentioned above, then IMI Precision, working in close partnership with our suppliers, can support you worldwide with obtaining the necessary information.

RoHS-compliant products from IMI Precision

Because we are considered a 'distributor' under these directives, we guarantee that all products which we declare to be 'RoHS-compliant' adhere to EU Directive 2015/863/EU. We also continually adapt our existing product lines, regardless of whether they are required to be 'RoHS-compliant'. During this ongoing adaptation process, it is possible that product documentation may not yet contain any reference to 'RoHS compliance'. Contact your local sales representatives for information.

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