

RoHS Statement

Restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment – RoHS 2011 / 65 / EU

Dear Sir or Madam,

Since 8 June 2011 the Directive 2011/65/EU on the Restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances in electrical and electronic equipment (RoHS) has been in force and thereby replaces the Directive 2002/95/EC of 27 January 2003. Article 4 (1) of the RoHS Directive provides that as of 1 July 2006, new electrical and electronic equipment put on the market must not contain certain heavy metals and brominated substances (Annex II).

The Physik Instrumente (PI) GmbH & Co. KG corporate group will naturally also observe this directive and thus help to protect the environment.

We would like to inform you that the components and assemblies of PI Ceramic contain the piezo ceramic PZT (lead zirconate titanate) as their main constituent. According to Annex III (7c. I) and Annex IV (14) of the current directive, PZT is exempted from the substance prohibition. Otherwise, our products only contain substances or mixtures of substances that meet the requirements of the Directive 2011/65/EU.

Our products are therefore RoHS compliant.

The RoHS conversion of our piezoelectric components and assemblies is thus not a legal obligation but is done on a voluntary basis.

According to our current knowledge, the functionality and long lifetime guaranteed for our products cannot be achieved with any alternative substance or mixture of substances.

Irrespective of this, we have already been working for a long time and will continue to work with great effort to find alternative solutions.

Yours sincerely,



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