

Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment —RoHS

The EU Directive 2011/65/EU, better known as RoHS II (Restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment) came into effect on 3 January 2013. According to Article 4 Paragraph 1 of this directive—implemented by § 3 of the German *Elektro- und Elektronikgeräte-Stoff-Verordnung* (Ordinance on the Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment), known as “*ElektroStoffV*”—electrical and electronic devices newly brought into circulation, including cables and spare parts, may no longer contain certain hazardous substances.

In this context, we wish to point out the following:

- All equipment made by PI falls into “*Geräte* *kategorie 9*” (Device Category 9) comprising “*Überwachungs- und Kontrollinstrumente in der Industrie*” (Industrial Control and Monitoring Instruments) as specified in § 1 Paragraph 1 of the *ElektroStoffV*, and hence is, according § 15 Paragraph 2 of the *ElektroStoffV*, only subject to the RoHS directive from 22 July 2017 onwards.
- Cables and spare parts for the above-mentioned equipment are, according to Article 2 Paragraph 2 of the RoHS directive, only subject to this directive from 22 July 2019 onwards.
- Lead in electronic ceramic components (e.g. piezoelectric components) is exempted from the materials restrictions (see § 3 Paragraph 3 of the *ElektroStoffV*).

Irrespective of the above, Physik Instrumente (PI) GmbH & Co. KG already complies with the RoHS directive and thus contributes to environmental protection.