

Products Free of Hazardous Substances—RoHS

The EU Directive 2002/95/EC, better known as RoHS (Restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment) came into effect on 1 July 2006. According to Article 4, Paragraph 1 of this directive—implemented by §5 of the German *Elektro- und Elektronikgerätegesetzes* (Law Concerning Electrical and Electronic Devices), known as “*ElektroG*”—electrical and electronic devices newly brought into circulation after 1 July 2006 may no longer contain certain heavy metals and certain bromine compounds.

Naturally, Physik Instrumente (PI) GmbH & Co. KG will comply with this directive and thus make our contribution to protecting the environment.

In this context, we wish to point out that all equipment made by PI falls into “*Geräte-kategorie 9*” (Device Category 9) comprising “*Überwachungs- und Kontrollinstrumente*” (Control and Monitoring Instruments) as specified in § 2 Paragraph 1 No. 9 of the *ElektroG* legislation, and hence, although subject to the “*Rücknahmeverordnung*” (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Provisions), are, according to *ElektroG* §5, Paragraph 1, 2nd sentence, *not* subject to the RoHS materials restrictions.

We should further like to point out that lead in electronic ceramic components (e.g. piezoelectric components) is also exempted from the materials restrictions (see *ElektroG* §5 Paragraph 2 and the Annex to the RoHS Directive in the current version).

Conversion to RoHS-conformant devices is therefore not a legal requirement but is rather being done on a voluntary basis.

If a RoHS-conformant version of a PI product is not available, “non-conformant” devices are thus still allowed to be placed in circulation. Assuming that the end products in which our components are integrated enjoy the same exemption, our customers should therefore experience no difficulties as a result of being supplied with non-RoHS-compliant products. If required, we will, of course, inform you of the status of any device upon delivery.