



EU Directives 2002/95/EC (RoHS) and 2002/96/EC (WEEE)

As you are aware, the electrical and electronics industry is facing increasing environmental requirements and regulations. Thomas and Betts Corporation (T & B) are committed to comply with those requirements and are moving towards environmentally friendly materials and products. European Directives and environmental initiatives of other countries worldwide, as well as our customers, are driving this requirement.

The European Union Directive 2002/95/EU on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances (RoHS) in electrical and electronic products restricts the use of certain substances starting from July 1st 2006. Thomas and Betts are in the process of investigating and identifying the listed hazardous substances within the production process for all the components and manufactured products. Information from suppliers has been obtained for all hazardous substances and materials. This, together with targets set for our own production process, will facilitate compliance within the legislative timescales set out by the UK Government. It is anticipated that we will achieve compliance early in Q2 2006. An important note is that batteries associated with emergency lighting products are regulated by the European Battery Directive 91/157/EEC for batteries and accumulators containing dangerous substances (as amended by Directive 98/101/EEC). This Directive provides '*inter alia*' for the separate collection and re-cycling of batteries and accumulators containing certain quantities of Lead, Mercury and Cadmium. Thomas and Betts take battery re-cycling very seriously and are active members of 'RE-CHARGE' a European organisation that support initiatives for the correct collection and re-cycling of batteries.

With respect to the European Union Directive 2002/96/EC (WEEE), we can also confirm that we are identifying all the necessary steps required and will take appropriate legislative responsibility for the collection, treatment, recovery and environmentally sound disposal of our waste products placed on the market after the date stated by the UK legislation.

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