

Use of RoHS non-compliant power supplies

The EU Directive 2002/96/EG WEEE on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment as well as the EU Directive 2002/95/EG on the Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (RoHS) have been implemented in Germany by the Electrical and Electronic Equipment Act "Elektro Gesetz" (ElektroG).

Field of Application

This Act for Electrical and Electronic Equipment is applicable for devices which can be categorized into one of the 10 classes determined, whereas it is not to be applied if these devices are built-in elements of other units for which this regulation is not applicable. As many exceptional cases are regulated by Special Directives we did not restrict our product portfolio to RoHS-compliant power supplies but still offer RoHS non-compliant units.

We have submitted a sales quote to you in which one or several RoHS non-compliant power supplies are offered. We kindly ask you to check whether this unit is determined to be used subject to a special Regulation for exceptional cases.

Examples for Special Regulations for exceptional cases

Class 9: Monitoring and Control Units

For the time being, this class is exempt from RoHS Directives as follows:

- Devices for measuring, weighing or regulating in households and laboratories
- Other units for monitoring and controlling industrial facilities (i.e. operating panels)

It is a matter of definition whether power supplies are to be categorized under class 9 or not. Each of the EU member states prefers a specific handling of this issue. As laboratory power supplies are used for measuring and regulating purposes in laboratories, these power supplies can be considered to be falling into class 9.

Exception in terms of large stationary industrial units

As stated in Annex 1, § 2 part 1 of the Electrical and Electronic Equipment Act "ElektroG", large stationary industrial units are generally exempt from being subject to this Regulation. According to current legislation, these units are to be understood as "a combination of several components, systems etc..., the installation of which has to be effected by qualified personnel and not by the final end user. Moreover these units are to be built together or installed at a specific fixed place. These units are determined to interact within their respective environment and to fulfil a specific task."

These units and the components necessary for their operation which meet the above mentioned criteria are exempt from the Electrical and Electronic Equipment Act "ElektroG".

Further Information and criteria for exemption

See http://www.electrocycling.de/downloads/elektrog_270105.pdf for the reading version of the Electrical and Electronic Equipment Act "ElektroG" (only German version available)

Detailed information concerning the fields of application of the Electrical and Electronic Equipment Act "ElektroG" and further criteria for exemption are to be found on

http://www.bmu.de/files/abfallwirtschaft/downloads/application/pdf/elektrog_hinweise.pdf

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