

Technical Reference

Environmental Compliance

RoHS Directive

Due to global environmental concerns, the need for lead-free solutions in electronic components and systems is receiving increasing attention. RoHS (Restriction of Hazardous Substances) is expected to be the first of many environmental directives to be issued that will have a profound effect on global trade. This initial directive took effect on July 1, 2006 and bans cadmium, hexavalent chromium, lead, mercury, PBBs (polybrominated biphenyls), and PBBEs (polybrominated biphenyl ethers) from electrical and electronic products, and their component parts offered for sale into the 25-country European Union. China is expected to adopt similar legislation in the near future.

ADC KRONE's Position

ADC KRONE has a long history of compliance with European and international environmental requirements. We are committed to pollution prevention, waste minimisation and continuous improvement in all activities. It is our policy to integrate sound business practices that promote the protection and preservation of the environment and that are in accordance with all applicable laws. Our product teams are currently working with external suppliers to result in compliant materials in all of our products. The majority of our product is compliant today; some products are still under evaluation and in process toward meeting our company goal to produce only RoHS compliant product. Since January 1, 2006, all new products have been RoHS compliant.