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WEEE and RoHS Information for Abaco Systems Products

WEEE "Waste from Electrical and Electronic Equipment"

Abaco Systems recognizes that Electrical and Electronic material represents a large and increasing proportion of waste matter.

Within the EU, Directives 2002/96/EU/WEEE and 2012/19/EU establish producer responsibility for managing the EEE waste and, although they are largely concerned with consumer waste, these directives also address business waste.

Similar "producer responsibility" waste legislation is being enacted in other territories, however much of this legislation is currently solely focused on consumer waste.

Although many of Abaco Systems products and applications are currently exempt from the legislation, Abaco Systems has taken the following steps to assist our distributors and customers with collection of all Abaco Systems products at the end of their life cycle:

- Abaco Systems began marking its finished products in accordance with WEEE labeling requirements effective August 13, 2005;
- Abaco Systems has established a relationship with a Pan-European collection network to provide end-of-life waste collection and recycling services.

To organize waste removal through our Pan-European collection network, please contact your Abaco Systems channel manager or sales person.

Should "Producer Responsibility" waste management legislation that is applicable to business waste exist in your territory, please contact your local Abaco Systems channel manager or sales person for information on Abaco Systems local end of life waste strategy.

RoHS "Restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances"

The initial EU Directive 2002/95/EC went into force July 1, 2006. The Recast to the EU ROHS directive, EU Directive 2011/65/EC (also referred to as RoHS II) entered into force January 1, 2013 (with varying phased-in implementation dates for specific categories). Abaco Systems is committed to providing products compliant with the RoHS requirements within the applicable category timeframes.

The design intent for Abaco Systems' Embedded Systems products falls into one of two electronic equipment categories: Category 3 (IT and Telecommunications Equipment) or Category 9 (Industrial Monitoring and Control Equipment).



- Category 9 products are currently outside the scope of the recast RoHS directive.
 These parts are not currently required to comply with the RoHS directive until July 2017.
- Category 3 products are in-scope for RoHS compliance.

Based upon our evaluation and impact of the RoHS Directive, Abaco began implementation of the following actions:

- Abaco Systems established a proactive approach to ensure that our products meet the recast RoHS requirements ahead of the implementation deadline.
- Abaco Systems initiated a program to make all new Embedded System products fully RoHS compliant.
- Abaco Systems continues to monitor legislative and environmental trends as well as developments in the electronics industry to promote good stewardship of the environment,

For more details, or to review the RoHS conversion timing for specific Abaco Systems part numbers, please contact your Abaco Systems Channel Manager, or Sales Representative.

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