

# Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)



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## What is RoHS?

RoHS is a self-declaration directive covering the Restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE). The regulations came into force in 2006 in the UK. Any electrical product sold within the European Union after this date has to comply with the RoHS Regulations.

The regulations ban the placing on the EU market of new EEE containing more than the agreed levels of lead, cadmium, mercury, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyl (PBB) and polybrominated diphenyl ether (PBDE) flame retardants.

## Who is Affected?

Any manufacturer, importer or distributor of EEE which falls into any of the following categories:

- Large household appliances
- Small household appliances
- IT and telecommunications
- Consumer equipment
- Lighting equipment
- Electrical and electronic tools
- Toys, leisure and sports equipment
- Automatic dispensers

## What You Need to Do

RoHS is a self-declaration directive which means that you have several options to ensure that you are compliant and should use 'due diligence' to implement the most relevant compliance processes.

- **Product Testing:** Producers can arrange for the products to be tested to assess levels of restricted substances. Undertaking regular product testing is the most comprehensive approach a company can take to demonstrating their compliance with the RoHS Regulations.
- **Compliance Declarations:** Producers can request a Declaration of Conformity from the manufacturer of each product or component. Due diligence is required when accepting a Declaration of Conformity and producers should consider the following:
- **Product Labelling:** The RoHS directive does not require any specific product labeling, however many manufacturers have adopted their own compliance marks to reduce confusion

## Forthcoming Changes to the Regulations

A new European Union Directive (RoHS2) was published by the European Council on July 1st 2011.

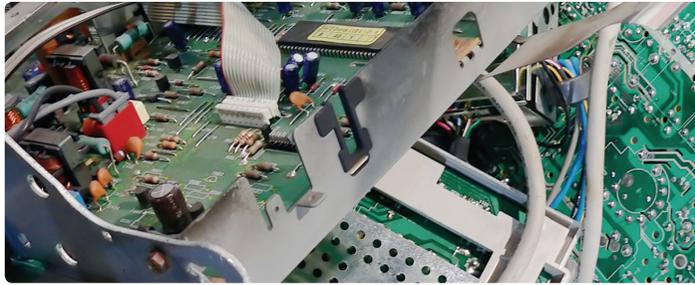
The RoHS recast will transpose into UK law by 2 January 2013 and introduces the following key changes:

- new obligations for importers, distributors and companies acting as 'authorised representatives'
- product labelling rules in relation to 'CE marking'
- new requirements for Technical Documentation

For information, advice or training on the forthcoming changes please contact one of our RoHS experts on [08450 682 572](tel:08450682572).



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## How Valpak Can Help

Whether you wish to outsource your RoHS compliance or simply require some support or a review of your processes, our team of experts can help. We offer the following RoHS compliance services:

- **Review of your current RoHS compliance processes**
  - We assess your current RoHS obligations
  - We review the compliance processes currently in use
  - We summarise compliance gaps and make recommendations to improve your processes
- **Detailed RoHS audit**
  - We undertake a detailed assessment of your obligations on a product by product basis
  - We review all RoHS compliance documentation currently on file
  - We make specific recommendations for collection of missing compliance information

- **Implementation of a full RoHS compliance system**
  - We provide document templates for collection of RoHS compliance information
  - We make contact with suppliers to collect missing information
  - We set up systems to collect and record compliance information on an on-going basis

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