

RoHS (Restriction of Hazardous) Substances

The RoHS (Restriction of Hazardous) Substances directive is a EU directive aimed at reducing the harmful environmental impact of waste electrical equipment by restricting the use of known dangerous substances. As of 1st July 2006, new electrical and electronic equipment introduced into the market and falling into certain product categories (with some exemptions) may no longer contain the following chemicals above specified maximum concentration levels: -

- Lead
- Cadmium
- Mercury
- Hexavalent Chromium
- Polybrominated Biphenyls (PBB)
- Polybrominated Diphenylethers (PBDE)

Standard products

The rack and cabinet products supplied by Cooper B-Line are exempt from the requirements of this directive due to the simple fact that they do not require electricity to function. However, we have taken steps to ensure all our standard catalogue products are compliant to this directive and do not contain excessive levels of the restricted chemicals. The use of lead free paint and trivalent plating finishes has been an example of the solutions we have introduced throughout our range to achieve this.

Taking this action will provide our customers with the necessary assurance they require to meet this directive.

Custom products

One of the services we provide is to engineer and manufacture a range of products to our customer's individual requirements or specification. Each of these custom projects has unique requirements and, in some cases, the final use of the product may exempt it from the RoHS directive and indeed require the use of the restricted substances. It is therefore important that any requirements for the compliance of such products, and compliance documentation, are specified at the contract stage. Cooper B-Line is unable to provide a general statement of compliance for custom built products and cannot be responsible for using non-compliant components specified or supplied by our customer.