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The member states of the European Union (EU) have adopted the following marketplace directives concerning hazardous materials:

- Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) - EU Directive 2002/95/EC; Recast Directive 2011/65/EU
- Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) – EU Directive 2002/96/EC
- End-of-Life Vehicles (ELV) – EU Directive 2000/53/EC
- Brominated Flame Retardants (BFR) – EU Directive 2003/11/EC

These directives restrict the use and disposal of six (6) hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment; Lead, Mercury, Cadmium, Hexavalent Chromium, Polybrominated Biphenyls (PBB's) and Polybrominated Diphenylethers (PBDE's). Threshold limits for these materials have been established at 1,000ppm with the exception of Cadmium at 100ppm. The above-listed materials will not be found in any Harbour products and Harbour has not requested or applied for any exemptions.

In March 2015, Directive 2015/863 (RoHS 3) was issued by the EU. It adds the following substances to the original list of six (6) bringing the total to ten (10), Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), Butyl benzyl phthalate (BBP) and Dibutyl phthalate (DBP), Diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP). These materials will not be found in Harbour products.

Supply chain certification is the methodology employed to ensure compliance thus raw material suppliers, manufacturers, fabricators, as well as distributors are all critical links in the supply chain. No "link" in the supply chain is exempt from providing material declarations to their immediate upstream product recipient. The RoHS directive working in concert with the WEEE and ELV directives completes a "cradle-to-grave" material linkage throughout a product's life. Harbour Industries LLC has concentrated on becoming RoHS compliant since it primarily focuses on the "beginning of life" materials for electrical and electronic products. Therefore, by complying with the RoHS directive, all EU "end of life" directives is then satisfied.

As noted above, RoHS was recast in 2011. Some questions have arisen regarding the need for a CE mark to be applied to "electrical and electronic equipment" or "EEE". Wire and cable products fall within the scope of RoHS 2, also known as RoHS Recast. CE marking is only applied to the main Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE) therefore any wiring internal to the EEE does not meet the definition of "cable" given in Article 3(5) and is exempt from CE marking requirements. A multi-conductor cable, in bulk form as supplied by Harbour Industries LLC, does not meet the definition of "equipment" under Article 3(1) and is also exempt from the CE marking requirement.

Along the lines of EU RoHS is China RoHS which also restricts certain hazardous materials in consumer products and packaging. While China RoHS was developed independent to EU RoHS it covers the same materials (Lead, Mercury, Cadmium, Hexavalent Chromium, PBB's and PBDE's) to which Harbour self certifies. Self-certification does NOT apply in the People's Republic of China. The PRC requires products to be tested by a PRC approved laboratory which Harbour does not utilize. Harbour also does not apply the required China RoHS marking. 

Harbour Industries LLC is committed to complying with the international "green" initiatives designed to protect human health and certifies compliance to the RoHS, WEEE, ELV and BFR directives.



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