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WEEE & ROHS Directives

As you maybe aware all manufacturers and sellers of Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE) face two new pieces of legislation within the European Union that aims to encourage the reuse, recycling and recovery of waste (WEEE) and the prevention of the use of certain hazardous substances within the product (RoHS).

WEEE

I would like to confirm that Acco:-

- Have identified all their products that fall within the Directive.
- Have collated all the product data (volume and weight), for each EU country, necessary to submit to the controlling bodies to establish its recovery obligation.
- Have complied with the WEEE product marking obligation by marking all products manufactured from 13th August, with the crossed out "Wheelie Bin" symbol. Note: The EU Directive does not require the marking up of products manufactured prior to the 13th August 2005, which are already in the distribution chain, these unmarked products remain legally available for sale.
- Are working within a pre-compliance scheme and are awaiting the identification of the various European Authorities for us to register with as a producer. provide guarantees for financing our obligation to local authorities.

RoHS

The RoHS directive refers to a new EU legislation:

Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2005 (RoHS)

It aims to;

- Protect human health and the environment by restricting the use of certain hazardous substances in new equipment these are;
 - lead;
 - mercury;
 - cadmium;
 - hexavalent chromium;
 - polybrominated biphenyls (PBBs); or
 - polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs).
- Complement the WEEE Directive.
- Effective on 1st July 2006.

Effective on 30th June 2008 the flame retardant decabromodiphenyl ether (deca-BDE) is "banned" from electrical and electronic equipment

In line with ACCO's principles on environmental responsibility, the company takes a proactive approach towards legal compliance, especially with regard to health and environment. ACCO are issuing declarations of conformance and audits will be undertaken to ensure continued compliance.

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