

## RoHS and WEEE Questions and Answers

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#### GENERAL QUESTIONS

**Q. What is the difference between WEEE and RoHS?**

WEEE is about Waste, or “what to do with the product at its end of life”

RoHS is about Restriction “what substances are restricted to use in electronic equipment”



**Q. When must electronic equipment comply with these new rules?**

WEEE regulations became active since August 2005, RoHS regulations becomes in effect from July 2006 on.

#### PRODUCT RELATED QUESTIONS

**Q. Are batteries covered by RoHS?**

No, they must be recycled at equipment end of life (WEEE regulation)

**Q. What is understood under “electronic equipment”?**

Equipment, which is depended on electric current or electromagnetic fields in order to work properly, in other words; almost all battery or mains operated equipment.

**Q. What type equipment must, at present time, NOT comply with RoHS after 01/06?**

Equipment for measurement, monitoring, testing (multimeter, oscilloscopes, power supplies for testing), . It is possible that these categories will be included within the scope of the RoHS Directive. However, if approved, implementation is not expected before 2009 / 2010.

**Q. Is there a restriction difference between professional used equipment and household equipment?**

No there is no differentiation between professional used equipment and household equipment; both are covered by the RoHS.

**Q. Must DIY Kits (like our Velleman Kits) comply with the RoHS regulations?**

Components do not fall within the scope of RoHS, so no Kits must not comply, but since components will comply with RoHS (for use in equipment), automatically the Kits will comply as a result of this. Most PCB's used in our kits are already RoHS compliant.

#### DISTRIBUTION RELATED QUESTIONS

**Q. Can I still sell non RoHS compliant equipment that I have not sold before July 1st 2006?**

Yes, providing the equipment is placed on the market, in a warehouse etc, it can be sold after July and it can also be maintained or repaired using non-compliant components.

**Q. Can I manufacture and ship non-compliant equipment outside of the EU after July 2006?**

Yes, there is nothing in the legislation to stop this at present time. (Check you local country regulations).

**Q. What is the Velleman policy regarding RoHS and WEEE?**

We made clear to all our suppliers that non compliant products will be rejected on to the European market (i.e. our warehouse) after the specific date.

Some of our products our already RoHS compliant

**Q. Must a product be labeled if it is RoHS compliant?**

No not at this time. It is however possible that our own RoHS compliant label will be put on products for internal reference and for follow up.

**Note: This Q and A section is a sum of our own interpretations and is by no means complete or binding.**