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**IMI Industrial Automation Sector and REACH / RoHS / WEEE / ELV / PFAS:  
For Health and the Environment**

IMI Industrial Automation (formerly IMI Precision Engineering) is aware of its responsibility towards health and the environment and is committed to observing mandatory European Union environmental directives. These primarily target the following objectives:

- a) lowering the pollutant content in end products, and
- b) reducing or preventing waste from electrical and electronic equipment, as well as reusing these by recycling them.

**REACH**

(**REACH** = **R**egistration, **E**valuation, **A**uthorization and **R**estriction of **C**hemicals)

EU Directive 1907/2006 has been in force since 01 June 2007. Its main purpose is to ensure a high level of protection for human health and the environment against hazards stemming from chemical substances. To contribute to environmental and health protection, all products IMI Industrial Automation bring onto the market are made from materials that are consistent with this directive.

**RoHS**

(**RoHS** = **R**estriction of the use of certain **H**azardous **S**ubstances in electrical and electronic equipment)

EU Directive 2015/863/EU (RoHS III) has been in force since 22 July 2019. It sets limitations on the use of specific hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment and is an amendment of Directive 2011/65/EU. According to Annex II of 2011/65/EU (as amended by 2015/863/EU) the following substances are subject to limitation (per-centage by weight in parentheses): lead (0.1%), mercury (0.1%), cadmium (0.01 %), hexavalent chromium (0.1%), polybrominated biphenyls (PBB) (0.1 %), polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE) (0.1%),

**added in 2015:**

Bis(2-Ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP): (0.1%), Benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP): (0.1%),  
Dibutyl phthalate (DBP): (0.1%), Diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP): (0.1%)

**WEEE**

(**WEEE** = **W**aste of **E**lectrical and **E**lectronic **E**quipment)

EU Directive 2012/19/EU (WEEE II), dated 24 July 2012, replaces Directive 2002/96/EC from 13 February 2003. It aims primarily to reduce and prevent waste from electrical and electronic equipment and to reuse and recycle such equipment. By expanding manufacturer responsibilities, WEEE II is intended to prevent and reduce electronic scrap and ensure that it is disposed of in an environmentally sound manner.

**2000/53/EC Directive on End-of-Life Vehicles (ELV)**

EU Directive 2000/53/EC has been in force since 21 October 2000 (as amended). It forms a basis of uniform European conditions for handling end-of-life vehicles and establishes measures

that primarily aim to prevent, re-use and recycle waste from vehicles. Each year, between 8 and 9 million tons of waste from end-of-life vehicles are generated within the European Community. This waste must be properly disposed of.

#### **German Electronic and Electrical Equipment Act (ElektroG)**

Both directives (RoHS and WEEE) have been enshrined in German national law through the amended Electronic and Electrical Equipment Act (ElektroG) of 20 October 2015.

German Ordinance on the Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (ElektroStoffV)

The German ElektroStoffV Ordinance of 19 April 2013 (as amended) regulates the implementation of the European Parliament's EU Directive 2015/863/EU.

#### **Our commitment benefits our customers**

IMI Industrial Automation make every reasonable effort to fulfil the above-named EU directives, even if they do not directly apply to every field of application for our products. If your own equipment, systems or machines fitted with products from IMI Industrial Automation that are subject to the directives mentioned above, then IMI Industrial Automation, working in close partnership with our suppliers, can support you worldwide with obtaining the necessary information.

#### **RoHS-compliant products from IMI Industrial Automation**

IMI Industrial Automation warrant that all products, which are expressly declared to be 'RoHS-compliant' by IMI Industrial Automation, adhere to EU Directive 2015/863/EU. IMI Industrial Automation is also committed to continually adapt its existing product lines, regardless of whether they are required to be 'RoHS-compliant'. As this is an ongoing process, it is possible that product documentation may not yet contain any reference to 'RoHS compliance'. Contact your local sales representatives for information.

#### **PFAS – Perfluorinated alkyl substances**

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are emerging substances of concern. Many of these substances have been identified as hazardous as well as being persistent and mobile in the environment making them more widely known as "forever chemicals." As such, many governments are taking actions to restrict the use of these substances.

On 14 October 2020, the EU Commission adopted its Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability. In this strategy, the Commission presents a comprehensive package of measures to regulate the sub-class of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The declared aim is to restrict the use of PFAS and the placing on the market of chemical products and articles containing PFAS in the EU. Also, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the U.S. is currently preparing a similar rule under the Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) which focuses on the restriction of PFAS in the U.S. market as well as reporting obligations.

IMI Industrial Automation supports the aim of the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability to improve the protection of human health and the environment against risks from chemicals.

Since 7 February 2023, the details of the proposed restriction of around 10 000 PFAS are available via the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA).

Due to their unique property profile, PFAS are used today in a wide range of mainly industrial products and in manufacturing processes, often because of their high thermal and chemical resistance and the fact that they have a very low surface tension and are thus water and oil repellent, as well as abrasion and wear resistant at the same time.

IMI Industrial Automation does not manufacture substances from the PFAS group and take the necessary steps to identify the presence of PFAS in our supply chain to ensure compliance with all existing and upcoming mandatory legal requirements. Some PFAS have already been

restricted in the past by various regulations such as e.g., the REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 and POP Regulation (EU) 2019/1021.

However, for most chemicals belonging to the PFAS group there is currently no information obligation along the supply chain. Nonetheless, considering the proposed universal restriction and the wide range of possible PFAS applications, IMI Industrial Automation are conducting steps in analysing the often highly complex international supply chains and preparing for the next steps to adequately assess the precise impact of the restriction per substance and product.

In our products PFAS substances are (without limitation) usually in:

1. O-rings from FKM, FPM, Viton fluoropolymers
2. PTFE-teflon coating
3. Lubricants, usually from Perfluoropolyether (PFPE) or with added PTFE

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