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## **Batteries and the European Union WEEE and RoHS Directives**

Due to numerous requests for compliance certification of batteries for the recently passed WEEE and RoHS Directives in the European Union, the information below will address why batteries are not subject to the WEEE or RoHS Directives.

### **The WEEE Directive**

Batteries are not covered by the WEEE Directive because according to the WEEE Directive (art. 6.1 Treatment and its annex II) "batteries should be removed from any separately collected WEEE." When removed the batteries are then covered by the specific Directive 91/157/EC and also the Technical Adaptation (TA) 98/101/EC.

### **RoHS**

Batteries are also excluded from the 2002/95/EC RoHS Directive, as per recital 9 of the RoHS language listed below.

- 9) This Directive should apply without prejudice to Community legislation on safety and health requirements and specific Community waste management legislation, in particular Council Directive 91/157/EEC of 18 March 1991 on batteries and accumulators containing certain dangerous substances [1\[1\]](#).

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[1\[1\]](#) OJ L 78, 26.3.1991, p. 38. Directive as amended by Commission Directive 98/101/EC (OJ L 1, 5.1.1999, p. 1).