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## Position Statement

### Product Changes Related To European Union Directives

Dear Valued Customer,

Amphenol Military/Aerospace Operations (AAO), a major producer of mil-qualified electrical and fiber optic interconnection products, offers the following information relative to product or material changes for EU Directives 2003/11/EC and 2002/95/EC.

#### Directive 2003/11/EC

On February 15, 2003 the European Union (EU) published the 24th amendment to 76/769/EEC with Directive 2003/11/EC relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain substances and preparations containing the brominated fire retardants Pentabromodiphenyl ether (PentaBDE) and Octabromodiphenyl ether (OctaBDE). This ban became effective August 15, 2004.

AAO does not produce or ship any product with known amounts of PentaBDE or OctaBDE in concentrations greater than 0.1% by weight (1000 ppm) and is in full compliance with this directive.

#### Directive 2002/95/EC Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)

This legislation mandates that from **July 1, 2006** new electrical and electronic equipment (EEE), shall not contain Lead (Pb), Mercury (Hg), Cadmium (Cd), Hexavalent Chromium (Cr<sup>+6</sup>), Polybrominated Biphenyls (PBB) or Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers (PBDE) in excess of specified maximum concentration values (MCV), unless specifically exempted in the Annex of Directive 2002/95/EC.

Amphenol Aerospace Operations is committed to compliance to the U.S. Department of Defense regulations, which govern the manufacture of products that are qualified to military procurement specifications and are listed on applicable Qualified Products Lists (QPL). No changes in materials, processes, or configuration are made without demonstration of conformance to the military specification requirements, and authorization/approval by the specification custodian. AAO recognizes the exemption, set forth in 2002/96/EC *Article 2(3)* and incorporated by reference in 2002/95/EC *Article 2(1)*, to the RoHS Directive for products supplied to aerospace, military and national defense purposes and thus will not make changes without specification allowance and the completion of qualification requirements.

Amphenol Aerospace has identified alternative and substitute materials/processes which are RoHS compliant and will provide "non-mil" alternative products per customer demand. New part number assignments will distinctly identify alternative compliant products. Current products however, shall continue to be offered without deviation.

Should you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact our Product Compliance & Technical Support line at 866-315-8559.