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Status on EU directive RoHS (restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances)

Dear Customer,

The European directive about RoHS involved a lot of questions. Here is further information regarding the application of the directive for *Residual Current Devices*.

What about the RoHS rules for the F200?

The EU Directive RoHS 2002/95/CE, amended by the Commission Decision of 18 August 2005 (2005/618/EC) will become effective for new electrical or electronic products put on the market on or after July 1st, 2006. The Directive requires reducing of some critical substances.

The **F200** are not in the product list covered by the RoHS Directive. But in some case they may be components of concerned equipments. Consequently customers may demand that the a.m. products will be made RoHS compliant.

Nevertheless that the *F200* might be made RoHS compliant, the responsibility for the concerned equipment remains with the manufacturer of it.

What is the time schedule?

The delivery of the above listed items, in line with the RoHS Directive, will vary according to the inventory levels of the raw materials or components.

The plan is to be ready in production according to what is listed below.

The identification references / order code will not change.

Information will be available when the RoHS compliance is achieved.

However, this letter does not constitute a binding commitment.

List of items ready on 12th June 2006:

1. RCDs F202 30mA up to 63A,

F200 remaining types between 31st December 2006 and 31st July 2007.

With best regards,

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