

Explanation of European Directives 2011/65/EU and 2015/863/EU (RoHS2), 1907/2006/EG (REACH) and 2012/19/EU (WEEE2)

Since the Declaration on materials and the environment was introduced for SAUTER products in 2005, the ecological requirements and environmental behaviour of customers have changed considerably. European laws have also increased the requirements for product manufacturers as regards dangerous substances, product life cycles, energy efficiency, etc.

In particular, the 2011 edition of European Directive 2011/65/EU (**RoHS**: restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment) had to be fulfilled by the specified final deadline (products put into circulation from **July 2014** onwards). The RoHS2 Directive is applicable to categories 1 to 10 and also category 11 (from 22/07/2019), which includes electrical and electronic devices not covered by the other categories.

In line with European Directive 1907/2006/EG (**REACH**: Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals), SAUTER supplies products (finished products) without the intentional release of substances, and also substances and preparations (lubricants and sealants) in small quantities (< 1 tonne per year), together with the products or as individual components.

Electrical and electronic products manufactured by Fr. SAUTER AG are within the area of application of WEEE2 Directive 2012/19/EU. Since 14/02/2014, these products must be identified with the WEEE symbol ("crossed-out refuse bin").

SAUTER has accepted the challenge of fulfilling all the requirements and is continually adding the required data to the current declaration on materials and the environment, thus fulfilling all the legal and standardised specifications.

The priorities for processing the product range also considers, along with the legal final deadlines, the customers' requirements and the strategic weighting from SAUTER's perspective.

This declaration is concerned with the step-by-step implementation of the current environmental EU Directives and applies to products manufactured by Fr. Sauter AG.

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