

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS BY PHILIPS MEDICAL SYSTEMS (PMS) SUPPLIERS

Q1: Why is Philips Medical Systems asking for this survey?

A1: PMS wants to prepare itself for EU RoHS compliance. Because the EU RoHS Directive applies to several categories of electrical and electronic equipment, excluding medical, PMS needs to understand their options for converting products to a complete EU RoHS compliance. By knowing each supplier's EU RoHS conversion plans, PMS can ensure assurance of supply and readiness, and meet Philips Sustainability goals.

Q2: When is Philips Medical Systems planning to comply with EU RoHS?

A2: Philips Medical Systems is currently excluded from the EU RoHS requirements. However, this exclusion is expected to be lifted at some point in the future. Because the vast majority of our suppliers are moving to the EU RoHS compliant environment by July 1, 2006, PMS must be prepared to address assurance of supply issues and be ready to transition when required due to part/product availability and the lack thereof, or legal mandate.

Q3: What are the consequences if the supplier does not:

(a) Complete/return the survey?

(b) Intend to become EU RoHS compliant?

A3(a): Should the supplier not be able to return the survey in a timely manner, please contact the PMS contact name on the letter to discuss alternative solutions or to discuss alternative methods to completing the survey.

A3(b): Philips will reserve the right to select an EU RoHS compliant supplier, if necessary.

Q4: When will the EU RoHS medical exclusion be lifted?

A4: It is expected that the exclusion will not be lifted before 2010.

Q5: What are the qualification and long-term reliability requirements for EU RoHS compliance?

A5: PMS expects that the RoHS compliant part/product meets or exceeds the current part/product qualification/reliability requirements.

Q6: What are PMS' materials declaration requirements?

A6: Several different international standards for materials declaration are currently under development. For this reason, at this time, PMS expects suppliers to label EU RoHS compliant parts/products clearly and adequately.

Q7: Are PMS' second or higher tier suppliers affected by this survey?

A7: Yes, as required by EU RoHS legislation. PMS expects all supply-chain to report EU RoHS compliance status.

Q8: Will PMS' part/product numbers change for EU RoHS compliant parts?

A8: Yes.