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Dear Sirs,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the EU regulations 2002/95/EG and 2002/96/EG, with regards to ROHS (Restriction of Hazardous Substances) and WEEE (Waste from Electrical & Electronic Equipment).

Wera, as a leading manufacturer of hand tools and power tool accessories, operates a quality management system that is certified in accordance with DIN/EN/ISO 9001:2008.

The EU regulations 2002/95/EG and 2002/96/EG resp. ROHS and WEEE do not apply to the products that Wera manufactures and sells.

For a better understanding please find some important elements of these regulations in the following section.

EU regulation 2002/95/EG - ROHS (Restriction of Hazardous Substances) reduces the usage of certain dangerous parts in Electrical & Electronic Equipment.

As example please find parts of §5 below:

It is forbidden to bring new electrical and electronic equipment to the market which contains more than 0,1 % (based on homogeneous material) of lead, mercury, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyls (PBB) or polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE) or more than 0,01 % ( based on homogeneous material) of cadmium.

EU regulation 2002/96/EG - WEEE (Waste from Electrical & Electronic Equipment) sets the requirements for taking back and recycling of used Electrical & Electronic Equipment. Following product groups are concerned by this regulation:

Technical equipment used in households (washing machines, dish washers, hair dryers etc.)

- IT & Telecom equipment
- Consumer Electronics
- Lights
- Electrical & Electronic tools (such as Drill machines (Bosch, Makita etc.))
- Toys
- Equipment for sports and leisure activities
- Medical equipment
- Surveillance- and control-instruments

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Of course Wera considers it to be our responsibility not to pass on risks or substances that could be dangerous to the personal health of our customers through its products. We are aware that you as our customer, as well as the final end-users of our products may feel exposed to everyday dangers and wish to know the details of any given risk. With reference to this, so-called "blacklists" are available worldwide listing hazardous substances which have already been banned through legislation, and must therefore not be used by any company operating on the market.

As a result, we as manufacturers, and our subcontractors, are acutely aware and are legally obliged not to release such substances, (e.g. lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium to name but a few) into the environment in any hazardous form.

Yours faithfully,

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