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## Norland Products - WEEE & RoHS statement

Norland Products is committed to providing its worldwide customers with fiberoptic test and measurement products that meet the strictest standards of performance, innovation and environmental safety. Achieving this requires the ability to quickly adapt to new industry demands, such as the environment-related legislation being introduced by the European Union.

Two key EU Directives currently affect the electronics industry - WEEE and RoHS:

**RoHS** – The Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances (RoHS) Directive, 2002/95/EC of February 13, 2003, was enacted by the European Community to minimize the environmental impact of hazardous substances used in electronic equipment. The Directive bans the use of lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyls (PBB), and polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE) in electrical and electronic products sold in the European Union beginning July 1, 2006.

**WEEE** – The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive, 2002/96/EC of January 27, 2003, establishes minimum requirements for the handling of waste electrical and electronic equipment. The goal of the Directive is, as a first priority, the prevention of WEEE, and in addition, to promote the reuse, recycling and other forms of recovery of such wastes so as to reduce disposal. It also seeks to improve the environmental performance of all operators involved in the life cycle of electrical and electronic equipment, e.g. producers, distributors and consumers, and in particular those operators directly involved in the treatment of waste electrical and electronic equipment.

These directives define a set of 10 categories to which its rules either apply fully, or else qualify for special rules. Products falling into categories 8 (Medical devices) and 9 (Monitoring and control instruments) are explicitly defined as exempt from the RoHS directive. Norland Product fiberoptic inspection instruments, as category 9 equipment, are one such example. However, efforts to reexamine exclusion of these categories are presently underway. At the same time, similar and in some cases more restrictive legislation is being planned in other parts of the world, such as in China. As a result, Norland Products plans to move forward with replacement of the hazardous substances in its instruments expeditiously. In addition, any computer system supplied as part of a Norland inspection system will be RoHS/WEEE compliant by July 1, 2006. Also, according to the RoHS directive, spare parts for product already sold into the EU, regardless of content or category, are exempt from the directive rules.

For further WEEE compliance, Norland Products also ensures the recycling of its test instruments once they have reached the end of their lifecycle. For more information regarding our recycling policies, contact us via e-mail at [customerservice@norlandproducts.com](mailto:customerservice@norlandproducts.com).