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Compliance to WEEE and RoHS Directives

Taconic, a supplier of high performance PTFE and specialty coated fabric laminates and pre-pregs for RF, microwave and high-speed digital circuitry applications, is committed to manufacturing materials which are considered safe with respect to environmental and human health issues. Likewise, Taconic recognizes the importance of the European Union Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)* and Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)** directives which effectively prohibits the following substances in electrical and electronic equipment:

- Lead
- Mercury
- Cadmium
- Hexavalent chromium
- Polybrominated biphenyls (PBBs)
- Polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs)
- Decabromodiphenyl ether (Deca-BDE)
- Perfluorooctane sulfonates (PFOS)
- Dibutylphthalate (DPB)
- Bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP)
- Butyl benzl phthalate (BBP)
- Hexabromocyclododecane (HBCDD)

Additionally, as most of Taconic's products are PTFE based materials, there are no undesirable components added to achieve flame retardation and UL 94 V-0 qualification. Consequently, all of the following Taconic base materials are classified as bromine-free:

601, 602, 605, RF-30, RF-35, RF-35A, RF-35P, RF-43, RF-60, RF60A, CER-10, TacBond HT1.5, TacLamPLUS, TLC, TLE, TLF, TLG, TLK, TLM, TLP, TLT, TLX, TLY, TLZ, TPG, TRF, TSM, HyRelex and fastRise products.

Epoxy products (EF650K, EF650M, EF650S, FB650K, FB650M, FB650S) and Tacpreg PTFE/epoxy hybrid products (TP, TL) contain 0.1 to 0.6 wt% bromine but do not use any bromine sources currently prohibited by the RoHS and WEEE directives.

Therefore, Taconic is pleased to inform our Advance Dielectric Division customers, potential customers, interested parties and stakeholders that our current products are in compliance with the WEEE and RoHS directives for the substances listed above. Furthermore, Taconic will continue to explore and incorporate, as appropriate, environmental sensitivity requirements within the design and manufacturing processes of current and new product offerings as part of our Continual Improvement Programs.

Additional information regarding our products, WEEE and RoHS is available from our website located at <http://www.taconic-add.com>.

Sincerely,

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*Directive 2002/96/EC & 2006/122/EC

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