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Status on EU directive RoHS (restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances) – Contactor and Limit Switch ranges

Dear Customer,

The European directive about RoHS involved a lot of questions. ABB is fully engaged in the environment protection and we consider this directive as a good opportunity to complete our permanent improvement of products and processes.

What about the RoHS rules for the contactor line?

The EU Directive RoHS 2002/95/CE, amended by the Commission

Decision of 18 August 2005, 2005/618/EC,

Decision of 13 October 2005, 2005/717/EC,

Decision of 21 October 2005, 2005/747/EC,

will become effective for new electrical or electronic products put on the market on or after July 1st, 2006. The Directive requires reducing of some critical substances.

The Block Contactors and limit switches are not in the product list covered by the RoHS Directive. But in some case they may be components of concerned equipments. Consequently customers may demand that the a.m. products will be made RoHS compliant.

Nevertheless that the Block Contactors might be made RoHS compliant, the responsibility for the concerned equipment remains with the manufacturer of it.

Products and time schedule?

A part of the standard range is already RoHS compliant. For other products, the delivery of the above listed items, in line with the RoHS Directive, will vary according to the inventory levels of the raw materials or components

The plan is to be ready as follow:

Products	RoHS compliance for all orders
Contactors(1): A9 to A75 AL9 to AL40 N NL (1) except ring tongue versions	RoHS compliant
Accessories: CA5 / CAL5 / CB5 RV5 / RC5 / RT5 TP BEA / BER / BEY	RoHS compliant
ESB20 EN20	01/07/2006
A / AL / TAL / TNL with ring tongue terminals	01/07/2006
Limit switches : LS20 LS3. / LS4. LS6./ LS7. Foot switches	RoHS compliant

The identification references / order code will not change.
Information will be available when the RoHS compliance is achieved.
However, this letter does not constitute a binding commitment.

With best regards



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