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Compliance with Directive 2002/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27th January 2003 (RoHS)

The above directive restricts the use of certain hazardous materials in products put on the market in the EU after 1st July 2006. As legislation in the UK and some other countries has not yet been presented or passed into law the following is based on the current understanding of the requirements.

Faraday Technology is committed to meeting the above directive and its intention is to provide such products as from 1st January 2006 to allow time for customers to address stocking issues.

A program of work has been defined to enable this to be achieved. We have established a project team to address the issues and we are working closely with our suppliers to ensure compliance.

Our approach to some of the key issues is set out below

1. Faraday RoHS compliant parts will be identified using different part numbers. Where practical the first letter of the existing part code will be replaced by an E to signify a compliant part. For example

Existing Part Number	RoHS compliant Part Number
FL715	EL715
FL453W	EL453W
TFT1350F	EFT1350F

2. Many of our existing parts may be compatible with Pb free solder processes, however as they were not specifically designed for this application their performance cannot be guaranteed.
3. The termination plating used varies by product and we are to some extent dependant upon our suppliers. Future RoHS compliant designs will need to be qualified for Pb free and tin lead soldering processes.
4. It is not our intention to discontinue any products as a result of the directive, however most products may need to be re-engineered to meet the directive and a price review undertaken. Due to the size and breadth of this undertaking some less popular product lines may only be converted as a direct result of customer requests.
5. After 1st July 2006 existing stocks of finished goods manufactured using prohibited materials will be frozen and only released to customers where written assurance is given that it is necessary to use the products for the repair or refurbishment of products put on the market before 1st July 2006 and where a substitute is not available or cannot be used for scientific or technical reasons.

We look forward to your mutual cooperation in this matter.

Clinton Snell
RoHS Project Manager
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