

Declaration to RoHS Directive

On July 1st, 2006, the EU Directive 2002/95/EG („RoHS-Directive, Restriction of Hazardous Substances“) will enter into force. It restricts producing and trading of products containing lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyls (PBB), or polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE).

Almost all PVC compounds contain lead as stabilising media. Furthermore, most colour masterbatches which are used to colourize insulations, jackets, or sheethes of cables, contain lead, and hexavalent chromium. For several years, *bedea* has been substituting thermoplastic materials containing PBB or PBDE by ecological materials.

Ecology-minded, *bedea* used to enforce applying innovative and ecological materials for many years. Thus, even today a huge part of its product range can be supplied without containing above mentioned harmful substances. *bedea* declares herewith that from January 1st, 2005 on, its complete product range will meet the RoHS directive to guarantee a necessary lead time to our customers.