

# SAUDI ARABIA POSTPONES IMPLEMENTATION DATE OF THE ROHS REGULATION

Since the European Union issued Directive 2011/65/EU on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) (**EU RoHS**) in 2003, which has brought the globalization effect of 'RoHS', many countries such as China, America, Japan, Korea, etc., have successively issued 'RoHS-like' regulations. The RoHS requirements in different countries vary mainly in the categories of regulated EEES, restricted substances, exemptions, and conformity assessment methods.

On Jul. 9, 2021, the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) published the Technical Regulation for Restriction of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (**SASO RoHS**). Six categories of EEES under this regulation must meet relevant requirements before entering the Saudi Market. This Technical Regulation was originally scheduled to take effect on Jan. 5, 2022.

With reference to the meeting of The Conformity Steering Committee No. (17-21) held on Dec. 5, 2021, SASO decided to postpone the implementation of the Technical Regulation for Restriction of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (SASO RoHS) for a period of six months, after which the implementation will be carried out in stages. Currently, the latest SASO RoHS requirements are summarized as follows:

### 1. Product scope and enforcement date

CATEGORIES OF EEE COVERED BY THE REGULATION SCOPE		MANDATORY DATE
Electrical Home Appliances	Small Electrical Home Appliances	04/07/2022
	Large Electrical Home Appliances	02/10/2022
Information and communication technology equipment		31/12/2022
Lighting equipment		31/03/2023
Electrical and electronic tools and equipment		29/06/2023
Games, entertainment devices, and sports equipment		27/09/2023
Monitoring and control tools.		26/12/2023

### 2. Restricted substances and limits

RESTRICTED SUBSTANCE	LIMIT (WT%)
Lead (Pb), Mercury (Hg), Hexavalent chromium (Cr(VI)), Polybrominated biphenyls (PBB) & Polybrominated biphenyls ethers (PBDE)	0.1
Cadmium (Cd)	0.01

### 3. Conformity assessment

The supplier responsible for placing electrical and electronic equipment on Saudi market, shall obtain a certificate of conformity issued by a notified body approved by SASO, in accordance with the Conformity Assessment Form (Type 1a) as per ISO/IEC 17067. The product shall be accompanied by a technical file that includes supplier (manufacturer/importer) Declaration of Conformity, risk assessment document, the necessary warnings, cautions and manuals for the safe and proper use of the product.



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