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RoHS

The Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2008 (the "RoHS Regulations") implement EU Directive 2002/95, which bans the placing on the EU market of new electrical and electronic equipment containing more than agreed levels of lead, cadmium, mercury, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyl (PBB) and polybrominated diphenyl ether (PBDE) flame retardants.

Astro-Med's ToughWriter printers are exempted from the RoHS Regulations, as they are specifically designed to be exclusively installed on airplanes and the RoHS Regulations state that:

"Equipment specifically designed to be exclusively installed on airplanes, boats, cars and other forms of transport (i.e. not falling within one of the Categories of EEE) is not considered to be within the scope of the RoHS Regulations."

WEEE

The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive (WEEE Directive) aims to reduce the amount of electrical and electronic equipment being produced and to encourage everyone to reuse, recycle and recover it. The WEEE Directive also aims to improve the environmental performance of businesses that manufacture, supply, use, recycle and recover electrical and electronic equipment.

The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive (WEEE Directive) is the European Community directive on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) which sets collection, recycling and recovery targets for all types of electrical goods. The directive imposes the responsibility for the disposal of waste electrical and electronic equipment on the manufacturers of such equipment.

Astro-Med is compliant with the WEEE directive.



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REACH

REACH is the European Community Regulation on chemicals and their safe use (EC 1907/2006). It deals with the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemical substances. The law entered into force on 1 June 2007.

The REACH Regulation places greater responsibility on industry to manage the risks from chemicals and to provide safety information on the substances. Manufacturers and importers are required to gather information on the properties of their chemical substances, which will allow their safe handling, and to register the information in a central database run by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in Helsinki.

Astro-Med's ToughWriter 4 printers are fully compliant with the EU's REACH requirement. None of the substances contained in the printer currently exceed the one ton per year manufacturing/import threshold for these chemicals.