



EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

NO CURRENT OR PROPOSED REGULATIONS THAT BAN OR RESTRICT THE USE OF COPPER BERYLLIUM ALLOYS

Recently there have been unfounded concerns raised regarding the use of copper beryllium alloys in reference to European regulations. A review of the final European Union (EU) regulations and legislation reveals the following facts:

- **There are no current or proposed regulations that ban or restrict the use of copper beryllium alloys.**
- **Copper beryllium alloys were not included in any special end-of-life requirements or restrictions in the final EU Directives on End-of-Life Vehicles (ELV) (2000/53/EC and 2002/525/EC), on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment (RoHS) (2002/95/EC), or on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) (2002/96/EC).**
- **Major European equipment manufacturers, and their associations, such as VDA (German automobile manufacturers) and C4E (electrical, telecom and computer manufacturers), have approved the continued use of copper beryllium in their published materials guidance documents.**
- **Copper beryllium does not impact end of life disposal issues since it does not threaten the environment and is recyclable.**
- **Equipment manufacturers can remain confident that copper beryllium alloys will continue to enable reliable, consistent and performance-enhancing connector, spring and shielding designs now, and in the future.**

Select from the following to review the actual EU Directives mentioned above:

[ELV \(2000/53/EC\)](#), [Annex II of ELV \(2002/525/EC\)](#), [RoHS \(2002/95/EC\)](#), [WEEE \(2002/96/EC\)](#).

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