

## Information on Proactive Transition to Lead-Free Articles in Accordance with RoHS Directive 2011/65/EU

Dear Sir or Madam,

We would like to inform you about the requirements and responsibilities related to a proactive transition to lead-free articles in accordance with the RoHS Directive 2011/65/EU (Restriction of Hazardous Substances).

### Regulatory Background

The RoHS Directive restricts the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment. For lead, the following exemptions currently apply under Annex III:

- **6a:** Lead as an alloying element in steel (max. 0.35%, galvanized max. 0.2%)
- **6b:** Lead in aluminum alloys (max. 0.4%)
- **6c:** Lead in copper alloys (max. 4%)

These exemptions are temporary. A proactive transition reduces supply chain risks and ensures compliance with legal requirements.

### Transition – What You Need to Consider

- **Core Assortment Bossard (available and orderable in the e-shop):**  
Bossard is pleased to offer you a RoHS-compliant core assortment as a replacement. The suitability check for your application remains your responsibility.
- **Parts not in Bossard's core assortment (not available in the e-shop):**  
As the specification owner, you define which material should be used for the transition. Bossard will gladly advise you. Bossard will prepare the declarations, but the review and approval of the parts remain your responsibility.
- **Third-party supplier parts in the logistics system:**  
For these items, the declaration obligation lies entirely with the supplier.  
We are happy to check whether we can offer alternative sourcing options for these items.

### Important Note

Please note that transitioning to lead-free products in accordance with RoHS Directive 2011/65/EU may affect the origin of goods and pricing. Furthermore, a lead-free alternative cannot be offered for the entire core assortment.

If deviations or errors are suspected during your review of declarations and suitability, they must be addressed immediately to ensure compliance and avoid supply chain risks.

### Our Goal

We support you in the declaration process and accompany you throughout, ensuring that the proactive transition to lead-free products runs smoothly and future RoHS requirements are met.

We are always at your disposal.

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