

## Ref: Omron Environmental Policy, WEEE & RoHS Directives

Dear customer,

Responding to your inquiry, please find below an overview of our environmental policy and actions, which we hope will give you a more accurate picture.


### **The Omron Environmental Policy**

Omron is a global corporation that is committed to protecting the environment and has always had an active environmental policy. In May 2002, Omron established a corporate environmental action plan "Green Omron 21" that focuses around the following ecological themes:


- Eco-Mind – Promoting ecological awareness and environmental education
- Eco-Management – Management systems emphasizing environmental commitment
- Eco-Products – Creation of environmentally sound products
- Eco-Factories/Laboratories/Offices – Environmentally responsible Omron sites
- Eco-Logistics – Environmentally conscious distribution
- Eco-Communications – Information, working with local communities, partnerships


Omron has more than 40 Manufacturing Sites throughout the world in Japan, China, Malaysia, the Philippines, USA and Europe. It is standard Omron policy that a manufacturing site is approved to both the latest ISO9001:2000 Quality Standards and ISO14001 Environmental Standards. All new manufacturing sites are targeted to achieve ISO14001 approval within three years after their start.

### **RoHS – Restriction of Hazardous Substances.**

Our range of industrial products is currently outside of the scope of the RoHS directive. This means, there is no legal obligation for Omron to comply with the directive. However, we are aware that many of our Customers finished products are actually included within the scope of the directive. Keeping in line with our environmental policy, Omron has therefore committed to apply or even exceed the strict RoHS standards. This policy concerns the production of key original Omron brand products and newly developed products from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006 in advance of the deadline for the RoHS directive which was 1<sup>st</sup> July 2006. These original Omron brand products carry an Omron-specific -mark on the packaging label.

### **WEEE – Waste from Electrical and Electronic Equipment**

Our range of industrial products is currently outside of the scope of the WEEE directive. This means, these Omron products do not need to carry the WEEE marking symbol . On a global basis Omron is actively preparing for the requirements of this directive. In Europe, Omron is cooperating at individual country level to establish procedures with organisations providing the infrastructure for the collection, recycling and disposal of waste from electrical and electronic equipment.

In addition Omron is committed to go beyond the RoHS and WEEE requirements. We are working through our own list of substances to remove, wherever possible, other substances that might be considered hazardous to the environment. Furthermore, our **ECO Label** products (-symbol shown on the product catalogue) are targeting at a further reduction of power consumption and size, as well as a reduced amount of production materials, while we aim continuously at improving the quality and performance of our devices.

For the latest information about Omron and the environment please visit the following website:  
[http://industrial.omron.eu/en/company\\_info/environmental/default.html](http://industrial.omron.eu/en/company_info/environmental/default.html)

In case you have any questions feel free to contact your Omron representative.

With best regards,  
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