



Multi-Tech Now Shipping RoHS Compliant Products

Multi-Tech Systems is now shipping RoHS (Restriction of Hazardous Substances) compliant products. Through implementing this RoHS initiative, Multi-Tech eliminated the use of certain hazardous substances from the manufacturing of data and telecommunications products. Prohibited substances listed as part of the RoHS program include mercury, lead, hexavalent chromium, cadmium, brominated flame retardant and others.

The RoHS initiative came about due to the desire of the European Union (EU) to curtail the introduction of harmful manufacturing substances into the environment. The specific EU directive addressing RoHS implementation is 2002/95/EC, and requires that any products sold in the EU's jurisdiction meet RoHS requirements by July 1, 2006. Any company producing products sold into the EU, which include banned substances, will be in violation of the directive and subject to legal action.

Multi-Tech is not new in having an environmental approach to its operations. It has been a core principal in the company's business philosophy since its founding in 1970. "Being able to ship RoHS compliant products is important to us in several ways," states Raghu Sharma, President and CEO of Multi-Tech Systems, Inc. "Obviously, with a large percentage of our business being in EU countries, we want to follow all the environmental rules and regulations required. From a U.S. business standpoint, this will also give us a head start before similar measures are implemented in the U.S. And, as long standing environmental champions, we feel this is a good step in keeping our industry 'clean' for the future."