

## **Declaration by**

## **LANCOM Systems GmbH**

concerning the EU directives 2002/96/EC and 2002/95/EC of 27.01.2003 and their implementation in German national law as the Electrical and Electronic Equipment Act (ElektroG) of March 16, 2005.

## Introduction

With the adoption of the EU directives 2002/96/EG (ROHS) and 2002/95/EG (WEEE), Europe-wide legislation has been set down concerning the recovery of used electrical and electronic equipment and the use of hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment manufacture.

These directives have been implemented in German national law with the Electrical and Electronic Equipment Act (ElektroG) governing the sale, return and environmentally-sound disposal of electrical and electronic equipment, in force since 24.03.2005. Other EU countries have also completed or are working on the implementation of these EU directives in national law.

These guidelines and national laws govern the following areas:

#### WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment)

The aim is the minimization of waste from electrical and electronic equipment, the reduction of waste quantities by recycling, and the setting of targets and deadlines for rates of separation, recovery and recycling. The obligation to take responsibility for equipment disposal requires that manufacturers allow for the entire lifecycle of their products in their calculations.

The WEEE directive also regulates the recovery of used electrical and electronic equipment in the countries of the EU.

## RoHS (Restriction of Hazardous Substances)

The RoHS directive restricts the use of certain hazardous substances (heavy metals such as lead, cadmium, mercury) in equipment brought into circulation after July 1, 2006. The aim is to minimize risks for people and the environment by preventing disposal problems from



arising in the first place.

LANCOM Systems welcomes these regulations in the interests of modern, forward-looking and sustainable industrial production. LANCOM commenced preparations for the implementation of these EU directives upon their adoption in 2003.

# **WEEE at LANCOM Systems**

All manufacturers and importers of electrical and electronic equipment which is brought into circulation in Germany must be entered into the register of manufacturers, the Elektro-Altgeräte-Register (EAR). They must also provide a financial guarantee for the disposal of electrical and electronic equipment brought into circulation by them after August 18, 2005 and which can be used in private households.

LANCOM is a manufacturer compliant with ElektroG, §3, section 11 and is entered into in the EAR as of 25.11.2005 with the registration number DE 45401549. LANCOM undertakes to fulfill its legal obligations concerning the reporting of quantities, provision of guarantee, and disposal.

For exports to other EU countries, any obligations arising from respective national regulations will be met by the respective LANCOM distributor.

## **RoHS (Restriction of Hazardous Substances)**

Over the last few years and in cooperation with suppliers and partners, LANCOM has adapted all of its products to comply with the RoHS directive. On 01.07.2006 at the latest, all LANCOM ex-works shipments comply with the specifications of the RoHS directive and the German ElektroG.

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