



**CEIR position paper
concerning Directive 2002/96/EC on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE), and
Directive 2002/95/EC on the Restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances in
electrical and electronic equipment (RoHS)**

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On 30 September 2005, the members of CEIR*, the European Committee for the Valve Industry, agreed a common position relative to the Directive on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE), and the Directive on Restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances in electrical and electronic equipment (RoHS).

CEIR considers that the equipment produced by the manufacturers it represents (valves, control valves, level controllers, positioners, actuators and process instrumentation) is permanently installed by professionals in large-scale stationary industrial tools. These large-scale stationary industrial tools are explicitly excluded from the scope (Article 2) of Directive 2002/96/EC (WEEE), Annex IA, category 6. They are consequently also excluded from the scope (Article 2) of Directive 2002/95/EC (RoHS) which refers to Annex IA, category 6 under Directive 2002/96/EC (WEEE).

A large-scale stationary industrial tool has been defined in the Guidelines on the application of Directive 89/336/EC on Electromagnetic Compatibility¹ as a “machine or systems consisting of a combination of equipments and/or components, each of which manufactured to be used in industry only, permanently fixed and installed by professionals at a given place in an industrial machinery or in an industrial building to perform a specific task. They are not intended to be placed on the market as a single functional or commercial unit. Such equipment which is part of another type of equipment is not considered to be a finished product”. This definition is re-iterated in the Guidelines published by the European Commission on WEEE and RoHS (Frequently Asked Questions on RoHS and WEEE)².

In conclusion, and in accordance with article 2 of Directives 2002/96/EC on WEEE and 2002/95/EC on RoHS, it is the position and interpretation of CEIR that its products do not fall within the scope of these two directives.

¹ http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/electr_equipment/emc/guides/emcguide.htm

² http://www.spoerle.com/download/en/green_products/faq_weee-rohs_200505.pdf

CEIR, the European Committee for the Valve Industry, was formed in 1959 and speaks for almost all European manufacturers of industrial, construction and sanitary valves and fittings. CEIR represents the common economic, technical and scientific interests of the European valve industries, in particular towards international authorities and in economic and commercial circles, and represents an annual production of more than €14 billion in the EU.