

## **Test & Measurement Coalition**

*General comments related to RoHS exemption package 9*

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The Test & Measurement Coalition includes the seven leading companies in the sector including Agilent Technologies, Keysight Technologies, Anritsu, Fluke Corporation, Keithley Instruments, National Instruments, and Tektronix, representing roughly 60% of the global production of industrial test and measurement products.

Our products include a wide range of sophisticated electronic instruments such as signal generators, logic analyzers, oscilloscopes, spectrum analyzers, digital multimeters, chemical and biological analyzers etc. The instruments are used by laboratories (for research and compliance evaluation), universities (for technical training and education), manufacturers (for product development and manufacturing of their products), and governmental agencies (for conformance verification). They are essential to the good functioning of electronic communications networks, heavy industrial processes such as steel manufacturing, the testing of vehicles for compliance with emissions standards, and the monitoring of complex systems of all types.

As of 22 July 2017 RoHS substance restrictions will start applying to Category 9 Industrial monitoring and control instruments. According to the RoHS Directive, the exemptions listed in Annex III and Annex IV for which no expiry date has been specify, apply to cat. 9 industrial with validity period of 7 years, starting as of 22 July 2017. This is also explained in the RoHS FAQ, p. 26 [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/rohs\\_eee/pdf/faq.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/rohs_eee/pdf/faq.pdf).

We understand that the current exemption evaluation related to package 9 does not concern our category. We will be however pleased to provide any further clarifications and answer any questions Oeko Institut may have related to the package 9 exemptions requests and the relevance of these applications to category 9 industrial.

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