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## **RoHS & WEEE Directives**

These two European Union directives are being introduced within all EU member countries to reduce the Environmental & Health impact from the disposal of electrical and electronic equipment at the end of their life.

**RoHS:** Restriction of use of certain hazardous substances.

Directive 2002/95/EC: Mandatory EU Requirement July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 to remove specified hazardous substances (Lead, Mercury, Hexavalent Chromium, Cadmium, PBB and PBDE's)

NOTE: Category 8. (Instruments and Medical Devices) and Category 9, (Monitoring and Control Instruments) as defined in Annex 1B of the WEE directive will be exempt from the RoHS legislation.

## **WEEE – WASTE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

Directive 2002/96/EC: Mandatory EU requirement effective June 2006 to meet specific targets on recycling products. Each product will have this symbol added to the existing serial tag. “



This indicates that all ATHENA products within the EU must not be placed in “landfill” and a minimum amount of the components and material must be recycled at the end of the products life. Until it is resolved if this can be accomplished we recommend that all ATHENA products at the end of their life cycle be returned to ATHENA to ensure the maximum amount possible can be recycled.