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Quick Disconnect & Valve Division

Statement on Directive 2002/95/EC (RoHS Directive)

Snap-tite's Quick Disconnect & Valve Division has been reviewing the RoHS Directive which is being instituted to limit the introduction of hazardous substances such as Lead, Mercury, Hexavalent Chromium, polybrominated biphenyl (PBB) and polybrominated diphenyl ether (PBDE) into new Electrical & Electronics equipment sold into the EU (European Union). While these substances are not banned, they are limited to a percentage by weight of material. There are many exceptions and pending exceptions to this directive; however, based on the current criteria, we are prepared to make the following statements:

No standard products currently produced by Snap-tite's Quick Disconnect & Valve Division are manufactured from raw materials containing levels of substances prohibited by the Directive 2002/95/EC.

Snap-tite's Quick Disconnect & Valve Division has used yellow zinc dichromate for corrosion protection on many of our steel components for several years. This chromate conversion coating uses a small percentage of Hexavalent Chromium in the conversion of the zinc to a corrosion protection surface treatment. Although this plating process has been widely accepted in the fluid power industry for many years and used by manufacturers of hydraulic hoses, fittings, valves and couplings; the current directive will prohibit this process for components used in the manufacture of new electrical and electronics equipment.

Although there are proposed exceptions to the directive, we at Snap-tite's Quick Disconnect & Valve Division have decided to change to a new coating/surface treatment process. This new environmentally friendly process provides the same superior corrosion protection that you have been accustomed to, yet complies with the RoHS directive as currently approved. The change to you, our customer, will be seamless as you will not notice any significant physical or color difference in our components.

As of February 1st, 2006, all standard steel component parts being manufactured at Snap-tite's Quick Disconnect & Valve Division that require a chromate conversion zinc coating will receive the new plating process. Our published product literature will be updated to the new plating information during normal on-going reprints of the literature. Please contact your Customer Service Representative with any questions.