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Status on EU directive RoHS (restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances)

Dear Customer,

The European directive about RoHS involved a lot of questions. Here is further information regarding the application of the directive for **ABB i-bus[®] System Components and Interfaces - EA/S232.5, IG/S1.1, LK/S4.1, USB/S1.1 -**.

What about the RoHS rules for the ABB i-bus[®] System Components and Interfaces?

The EU Directive RoHS 2002/95/CE, amended by the Commission
Decision of 18 August 2005, 2005/618/EC,
Decision of 13 October 2005, 2005/717/EC,
Decision of 21 October 2005, 2005/747/EC,

will become effective for new electrical or electronic products put on the market on or after July 1st, 2006. The Directive requires reducing of some critical substances.

The **ABB i-bus[®] System Components and Interfaces** are not in the product list covered by the RoHS Directive. But in some case they may be components of concerned equipments. Consequently customers may demand that the a.m. products will be made RoHS compliant.

Nevertheless that the **ABB i-bus[®] System Components and Interfaces** might be made RoHS compliant, the responsibility for the concerned equipment remains with the manufacturer of it.

What is the time schedule?

The delivery of the above listed items, in line with the RoHS Directive, will vary according to the inventory levels of the raw materials or components.

The plan is to be ready before end of **December 2006**.

The identification references / order code will not change.
Information will be available when the RoHS compliance is achieved.

However, this letter does not constitute a binding commitment.

With best regards,

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