

General Statement Concerning the RoHS directive, and the introduction of lead-free plastic film- and paper capacitors.

As an environmentally conscious company, Evox Rifa is working continuously with improvements concerning the environmental effects of both our capacitors and the production of them. Due to the legislation in the EU, some materials will be restricted for use in electrical and electronic products from 1st of July 2006 (RoHS directive). The **only** material in that document that is used in our capacitors is Lead (Pb). Lead is used as one part in an alloy in combination with Tin (Sn) as a coating on the wires, about 5-10 µm thick. In addition, Sn/Pb is used as an end-spraying material to contact the wires to the winding element for some of our paper capacitors.

In order to support our customers in the process of phasing-out the use of Pb well in advance before the 1st of July 2006, Evox Rifa has decided to start to use wires coated with pure Sn. Today all plastic film capacitors and some paper capacitors (PME285, 289, 290, 291 and 294) are available as Pb-free products. During Q2, 2005, the other types of paper capacitors will be available as Pb-free.

All article codes will remain the same. If a package contains Pb-free capacitors, this will be clearly marked on the label of the package with a symbol in combination with the text: "Lead free product". During some period of time, both types of wires may be delivered, but not in the same package. **If any customer particularly needs Pb-free articles, it has to be made clear in the specific order.**

To our best knowledge, Pb-free wires can be used in a Sn/Pb soldering processes. Sn/Pb-coated wires can also be used in Pb-free soldering processes, but the risk of contamination of the Pb-free soldering alloy is obvious, Evox Rifa is not liable for any such contamination nor any consequences thereof.

Symbol used on package

