

## Declaration of Conformity: Batteries and European Union Directives

This document serves to clarify the regulatory framework governing batteries and their relationship with the European Union's Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive (2012/19/EU) and Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) Directive (2015/863/EU).

### Statement of Non-Applicability:

It is hereby declared that batteries supplied by ANSMANN are not subject to the requirements of the following directives:

- **WEEE Directive (2012/19/EU):**
  - Rationale: Article 6.1 and Annex II of the WEEE Directive mandate the removal of batteries from separately collected WEEE prior to any treatment processes. This requirement establishes a distinct regulatory pathway for batteries.
  - Following removal from WEEE, batteries are governed by Regulation (EU) 2023/1542 concerning batteries and waste batteries. This regulation establishes a comprehensive legal framework for the management of batteries within the European Union, including but not limited to, sustainability, safety, labeling, collection, and recycling requirements.
- **RoHS Directive (2015/863/EU):**
  - Rationale: Recital 14 of the RoHS Directive explicitly states that its application is "without prejudice to Union legislation on safety and health requirements and specific Union waste management legislation, in particular Regulation (EU) 2023/1542 concerning batteries and waste batteries."
  - This clearly indicates that the RoHS Directive does not extend to batteries, which are subject to a separate and specific regulatory regime.

### Regulatory Compliance:

ANSMANN affirms that batteries supplied by our organization are compliant with all applicable Union legislation, specifically Regulation (EU) 2023/1542 concerning batteries and waste batteries. This regulation addresses the entirety of the battery life cycle, from design and production to end-of-life management, ensuring adherence to stringent environmental and safety standards.

Therefore, it is confirmed that batteries are outside the scope of the WEEE and RoHS Directives and are instead regulated by Regulation (EU) 2023/1542.

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