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Subject: 2002/95/EC (RoHS) and 2002/96/EC (WEEE) Directives

For a long time Castel Company has started a careful inquiry, together with its suppliers, to identify the presence or not of the hazardous substances mentioned in RoHS Directive, either in its own products or in its own production processes, and to remove them progressively.

At the end of this wide examination We hereby declare that all Castel products:

- 1) Do not contain mercury, cadmium, polybrominated biphenyls (PBB) and/or polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE)
- 2) Do not contain hexavalent chromium, used for surface treatments (yellow zinc plating) of steel parts. Castel Company has removed the yellow zinc plating treatments from all its products, before the end of 2005, and has chosen:
 - other surface treatments containing trivalent chromium instead of hexavalent chromium.
 - where possible, other materials which don't need surface treatments
- 3) Contain lead within the accepted limits, according to the Annex of RoHS Directive, in the following components:
 - Machined brass parts, at concentrations not exceeding 4% by weight (max 3,5%)
 - Hot forged brass parts, at concentrations not exceeding 4% by weight (max 2,5%)
 - Machined steel parts, at concentrations not exceeding 0,35% by weight (max 0,11%)

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