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## VAT Statement on EU Directives 2012/19/EU (WEEE2)

Dear Business Partner

VAT, as a global leader in high quality vacuum valves, is group wide committed to environmentally responsible management of our manufacturing facilities and product offerings that are compliant with the European Union WEEE Directive (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment). As an ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 registered company, VAT maintains controlled business-, design-, manufacturing-, and purchasing processes to competitively service our world-wide customer base.

### Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE2)

Regarding VAT's position with respect to the EU-Directive 2012/19/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of July 4, 2012 on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE2) we state as follows:

**VAT products do currently not directly fall under the scope of the 6 categories (from 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018) of electrical and electronic equipment covered by this Directive.**

The WEEE 2012/19/EU or (WEEE2) published in the Official Journal of the European Union on July 24, 2012 defines the recovery of waste electrical and electronic equipment.

The relevant and influence able environmental aspects are covered and taken into account in the development and manufacturing process.

**Since we are a component supplier, this directive does not apply to VAT as compliance is dependent on the final product.**

Therefore, disposal or recycling is subject to the applicable national regulations in and from the end-customer.

VAT will review the given regulations and directives on a regular base and will certainly take all required actions to ensure a continuous compliance of our products.

Please feel free to contact us again with any further concerns or questions.

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