

Electrolux Group Position Statement

The Electrolux Restricted Materials List (RML)

The Electrolux Group has decided to introduce the Electrolux Restricted Materials List (RML).

The RML will ensure compliance with the Electrolux environmental policy and facilitate a consistent approach with regard to material selections. The purpose of the RML is to avoid materials that may represent hazards to the environment or the health of users, that may negatively influence end-of-life properties, or that may cause other concerns. The RML is also an information and communication tool to follow up on the status of certain materials and how the Electrolux Group regards them.

Materials not included on the list are not automatically acceptable to use. Electrolux always follows national and local legislation. Substances that have not been classified as “Banned” on the RML could be restricted by national or local legislation. Also, substances that are legal to use may be included on the RML.

General Principles

- The RML is valid for all products (including packaging) and components put on the market by the Electrolux Group, regardless of whether they are produced by Electrolux or external sources.
- The RML is the minimum requirement for the Electrolux Group; local requirement may be stricter.
- The RML does not apply to spare parts replacing a component of the equivalent type.
- The RML is an official document.
- Group Management approves the RML, and Group Environmental Affairs is responsible for management of the list.
- Materials will be classified as “Banned,” “Restricted” or “Substance of Concern” (SoC).
- Classification in the RML can be either for:
 - groups of substances.
 - specific substances.
- Classification can be based on the chemical structure of the substance. Risk phrases may also be used.
- The restriction does not apply to chemical substances occurring in the form of impurities in very low concentrations.
- In general, a limit value will be based on the risk phrases for the substance. For a specific substance, Electrolux could decide to apply a more stringent limit value.
- The RML will be reviewed according to new facts, market demands and scientific evidence. A new version will be issued with a minimum frequency of once per year.
- The decision to include a substance on the RML shall contain the classification of the substance and the date of effect.
- Newly acquired units shall comply with the RML within three years.

Banned Substances

- Banned Substances shall not be present in any products put on the market by the Electrolux Group.
- The list of Banned Substances shall be communicated to suppliers.
- Electrolux and its suppliers shall secure that Banned Substances are not present in purchased materials, parts or products.

Restricted Substances

- Restricted Substances shall not be present in products put on the market by the Electrolux Group, but:
 - exemptions for geographical regions may exist.
 - exemptions for specific applications may exist.
 - they may be present during a planned phase out period.
- The list of Restricted Substances shall be communicated to suppliers, together with exemptions and phase-out plans.
- Electrolux shall require that suppliers report any presence of Restricted Substances in purchased materials, parts or products.
- The Business Sector shall report the use of Restricted Substances to Group Environmental Affairs (e.g. amount of materials and number of products).

Substances of Concern (SoC)

- SoC are listed because they generate concern now or may do so in the future.
- Alternatives to SoC shall be investigated.
- The list of SoC shall be communicated to suppliers.
- Electrolux shall require that suppliers report any presence of SoC in purchased materials, parts or products.
- The Business Sector shall report the use of SoC to Group Environmental Affairs (e.g. amount of materials and number of products).

Updates

- An updated version of the RML will be released annually at the beginning of the year.

Decision Process

- Group Management has adopted the Group position statement regarding the Electrolux Restricted Materials List.
- Group Management will decide to include or change classification of substances on the RML.