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Re: Directive 2002/96/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE)

Dear Customer,

National Semiconductor Corporation has evaluated the applicability of the WEEE Directive to its products since the Directive became law in 2003. We have determined that our products do not fall under the scope of the WEEE Directive and are therefore not subject to the collection, treatment, and recovery provisions governing producers.

Non-applicability of our products is further discussed below.

Semiconductor Products

The European Commission Guidance on the WEEE and RoHS Directive suggests the concept of electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) should be interpreted in line with Directive 89/336/EEC (EMC Directive), which stipulates “finished products” with “direct function” as being within its scope. Semiconductor products, which do not fulfill the intended use of the end-user on their own without “further adjustment or connections,” do not fall under this definition.

Evaluation Boards

Our evaluation boards do not fall into any EEE category in Annex IA of WEEE, including Category 3, IT and telecommunications equipment. Our evaluation boards are not “effectively a single board computer allowing connection of peripherals or input devices to facilitate the programming and testing of chips,” as UK’s National Weights and Measures Laboratory defines most evaluation boards. The boards are used to demonstrate and evaluate the operation of an integrated circuit (IC) or the entire printed circuit board, but this activity would not turn the evaluation board into products or equipment “for collection, storage, processing, presentation or communication of information by electronic means” as described in Annex IB(3).

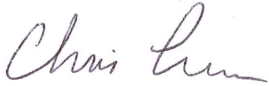
SolarMagic Products

Per Article 6(2) of the WEEE Directive, equipment that is “part of another type of equipment that does not fall within the scope of this Directive” is likewise excluded from the scope. It is the opinion of the Commission that solar panels, as fixed installations, are not included in the scope of WEEE. Therefore, SolarMagic products, which can only be used as part of a solar panel, also do not fall under the scope.

While the recycling requirements under WEEE are not directly applicable to us, a small number of our products in plastic packages contain brominated epoxy resins as flame retardants and may be subject to WEEE, Article 6(1), Annex II(1). We have been in the process of converting to 100% halogen-free products and we continue to be completely supportive of our customers' efforts to comply with all requirements of the WEEE Directive.

We continue to monitor ongoing developments with respect to WEEE in order to ensure compliance of our products and those of our customers.

Sincerely,



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