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New York mayor shoots down WEEE proposal !



紐約市長拒絕WEEE指令的建議！

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- The NY city itself currently foots the bill for the disposal of over 25,000 tonnes of WEEE!
- 將生產商負責循環處理廢舊電子電器設備制定為紐約立法的意圖遭到紐約市市長的反对！
- 紐約市目前自己支付了25000多噸的廢舊電子電器設備的循環處理費用！

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While the City Council has passed a bill which, like the EU's WEEE directive, follows the principle of "polluter pays", Mayor Bloomberg has said that he will veto the bill when it comes before him for approval. And, if the City Council overturns his veto, Mr Bloomberg said he would refuse to enforce the law.

According to the AP news agency, the city itself currently foots the bill for the disposal of over 25,000 tonnes of WEEE. Those costs have been passed over to producers, importers and distributors of electronic and electrical equipment within the EU, but Mr Bloomberg refuses to do the same. He used his Friday radio show to say that placing responsibility on manufacturers was an unfair burden.

The EU's WEEE legislation became a law at the beginning of last year, though firms were given until midway through the year to prepare themselves for full compliance. However, awareness of the legislation, including how businesses and consumers can participate is not yet widespread.

Rapid Electronics are one of the UK's leading suppliers of electronic components, electrical products, and industrial supplies to the Assembly Manufacturer sector.

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Next generation of environmental regulations assessed at APEX !

APEX 评估新一代的环保法规!

- With environmental regulations impacting the electronic interconnect industry from all corners of the world!
- IPC announces a number of environment, health and safety (EHS) activities!

- 环保法规的出现影响着全世界电子互连行业的各个角落!
- IPC的宣布了一些关于环境, 健康与安全 (EHS)的活动!



With environmental regulations impacting the electronic interconnect industry from all corners of the world, IPC announces a number of environment, health and safety (EHS) activities that will be held March 31-April 3, 2008, to inform industry executives of impending restrictions in printed board manufacturing and electronics assembly.

Held during IPC Printed Circuits Expo, APEX and the Designers Summit in Las Vegas, the activities - standards development meetings, technical sessions and professional development courses - will focus on the implications of the next generation of environmental regulations including MCDs (Material Content Declarations); China's environmental directive, Administrative Measure for the Control of Pollution Caused by Electronic Information Products, often referred as "China RoHS"; REACH (Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals); and CSAT-Top Screen (Chemical Security Assessment Tool).

On Tuesday, April 1, as a prelude to the technical sessions, IPC is honored to have Huang Jianzhong, senior engineer/director, Department of Economic System Reform & Economic Operation of the People's Republic of China, Ministry of Information Industry (MII), and Patrice Rolett, general manager, Avantec (France), address attendees. In their presentation, "Global Environmental Regulations - The Next Generation from Europe to China and Back," these guest speakers will discuss "China RoHS" and REACH. Attendees will gain timely insight on these regulations and their impact on the future of electronics assembly.

The technical conference includes a two-part session on environmental regulations. On April 1, experts will provide updates on new developments in RoHS regulations and provide details on the new acronyms waiting in the wings - REACH, EuP, EPR - to help attendees prepare for further regulatory changes. Part II follows the next morning with a look at the technical challenges of complying with tough, new regulations.

Professional development courses will provide the latest information, tools and resources to help attendees develop and execute successful plans for compliance and assessment of risk. Courses include: Rapid RoHS Assembly Development for Large and Small Boards in a RoHS Environment; Corporate Environmental Compliance: Creating a Strategy for Environmental Compliance in Today's Evolving Market; and Roadmap to Regulatory Compliance: Risks, Challenges and Opportunities for the High-Tech Industry.

Standards Development task groups will address marking, symbols and labels for identification of assemblies; and halogen-free electronics. The Halogen-Free Materials Subcommittee will discuss its White Paper/Technical Report on the legislative, marketing and environmental pressures to remove halogenated flame retardants from PCBs and electronic assemblies, and the Environment, Health & Safety Committee will discuss its new survey on benchmarking energy usage and expense to help members prepare for forthcoming global climate change regulations. On April 2, the Supplier Declaration Subcommittee and the Materials Declaration Task Group will work jointly on an amendment for robust data definitions, XML schema and criteria for third-party software tools.

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Korea RoHS webinar offered March 6 !

- Korea RoHS/WEEE/ELV - A Review of the Finalized Regulation!
- Korea's "Act for Resource Recycling of Electrical/Electric Products and Automobiles" (Korea RoHS/WEEE/ELV) went into force on January 1, 2008!



韩国RoHS研讨会将于3月6日举行!

- 韩国RoHS/WEEE/ELV - 对已定法规的一次回顾!
- 韩国 „电子电器产品的资源回收再利用及汽车自动化法规” (韩国RoHS/WEEE/ELV指令)于08年1月1日正式生效!

Design Chain Associates and Korean-based Eco-Frontier to present overview of requirements for compliance.

UP Media Group announced that the broadcast of "Korea RoHS/WEEE/ELV - A Review of the Finalized Regulation" a 60-minute pay per view Webinar, will be held on Thursday, March 6, 2008, at 9 am PST/12 noon EST. Presented by Michael Kirschner, president of Design Chain Associates LLC and an internationally recognized expert on product-focused environmental regulation, and Junsik Yoon, an associate with Korean environmental firm Eco-Frontier who worked with the Ministry of Environment on the development of the regulation, this Webinar will help electronics and automotive companies learn about the changes and the requirements for compliance with this regulation that went into force January 1, 2008.

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Korea's "Act for Resource Recycling of Electrical/Electric Products and Automobiles" (also known as Korea RoHS/WEEE/ELV) has elements of the European Union's RoHS, WEEE, ELV, and EuP directives, and went into force on January 1, 2008, with some key provisions having various grace periods. According to presenter/DCA President Michael Kirschner, "Many key elements have changed since the Webinar we presented last August, and it is critical that the industry be aware of changes and requirements for compliance that we will discuss in this important Webinar."

Yoon's presentation will continue the previous Webinar by describing the differences between the draft and final version of the enforcement ordinance and enforcement regulation, discuss many of the 30 forms defined in them and, together with Kirschner's presentation, provide more in-depth, "how-to" insight into compliance.

UPMG Webinars Event Manager Frances Stewart explains why this Webinar is a must-attend event for electronics industry executives and managers. "Companies need the most accurate and concise information available to comply with this regulation. Design Chain Associates has shown itself time and again to be the 'go to' service provider for environmental compliance and Korean RoHS is no different."

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