

**To: All Stabilus Customers**

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**Subject: RoHS conformity**

Dear sir / madam,

By following the guidelines 2002/95/EG and ELV Directive 2000/53EC (EU-guideline for old vehicles 2000/53/EG) we are to limit the use of certain hazardous materials. Stabilus will, as needed, adapt components accordingly and introduce necessary changes.

These changes mainly effect the surface treatment of metal parts, as currently some protective coatings we are using contain small mounts of Cr-VI, mainly used for corrosion protection.

Surfaces of components that currently have a coating of "yellow-chrome", such as ball studs, ball sockets etc., will be modified to a surfaces coating containing "zinc/nickel" (passivated). At the same time, the colour of the coating will be changed from "yellow" to "black". Please find attached (with the example of our ball stud with part number 022721) pictures to show the difference in appearance.

This change in surface will also provide a highly improved corrosion protection!

Effective as of May 1, 2006, Stabilus will have changed all parts with "chromed" chromed surfaces to "CR-VI (=hexavalent Chrome) free surfaces" and thus fulfill the requirements of the guidelines.

We understand that this adaptation to the RoHS-guidelines and ELV-directive will also be in your best interest.

Should we not have received any contradictory information from your side by March 15, 2006, the change will be implemented as planned.

Best regards,

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