Dear Customers,

Thank you very much for your enquiry about the applicability of the European WEEE Directive 2012/19/EU (WEEE Directive) concerning products supplied by us with regard to the Directive’s extended scope of application since 15 August 2018.

Alternatively as active information: We would like to inform you today about whether and to what extent the European WEEE Directive 2012/19/EU (WEEE Directive) has been applicable to products supplied by us with regard to the Directive’s extended scope of application since 15 August 2018.

Electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) is defined by law as equipment designed for use with a voltage rating of 1,000 volts or less for alternating current and of 1,500 volts or less for direct current and which is dependent on electric currents or electromagnetic fields to work properly, see Art. 3 Sec. 1 (a) WEEE Directive. In Germany and in most other EU Member States, even after the introduction of the 'open scope' policy, the scope of the Directive continues to cover only terminal equipment ready for sale and use but not electronic components and assemblies that have yet to become part of EEE through installation or transformation in order to work properly. At EU level, work is currently underway, mediated by the european weee registers network (EWRN), to establish this understanding of the WEEE Directive in all EU Member States.

The products manufactured and delivered by us require further processing and/or treatment by you as our customer in order to be used as intended. According to the aforesaid interpretation, these pieces of equipment are, therefore, not independent terminal equipment, which is why the scope of the WEEE Directive is not applicable. According to this understanding, registration of the products by our company is also not
necessary. Of course, we shall closely monitor development of the legal situation, in particular the interpretation of the term "equipment". Should registration by Bürkert become necessary in the future, it will obviously be carried out.

However, as far as some of our products are to be qualified as terminal equipment, registration with the national register for waste electric equipment (stiftung ear) has been carried out accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

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