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**TO:** Our Valued Customers

**SUBJECT:** Maxim's Status on European Union (EU) Directive 2002/95/EC on DecaBDE Within Our Products

With respect to the content of DecaBDE substances in our products, we offer the following information:

- 1) In our initial data gathering for compliance to the RoHS Directive 2002/95/EC (release Feb 2 2003), Maxim requested compliance to PBDE (Poly Brominated DiPhenyl Ethers) which included DecaBDE as there were no exemptions for DeceBDE allowed at that time.
- 2) The exemption for DecaBDE itself was added Oct 13, 2005 to the RoHS directive. Maxim did not add this exemption to our supplier requirements specifications, so our material requirements did not change.
- 3) The repeal of the exemption (effective Jul 1, 2008) therefore did not impact Maxim products since decaBDE was never a valid exemption for our supply chain.
- 4) Maxim has reaffirmed with its suppliers that decaBDE is a banned substance and is re-confirming pre-existing Supplier Declarations and analytical test reports. All new Supplier Declarations and analytical test reports will include a reference to nonuse of DecaBDE in the material.

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