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## **Changes in the German ElektroG from May 1, 2019**

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**Berlin, 6 March 2019** – In the course of European harmonization the German-based ‘Stiftung EAR’ will classify ‘passive’ devices, which only transport electricity, also as electrical or electronic device with effect from May 1, 2019 for Germany. This means that they then fall within the scope of application of ElektroG in Germany and, thus they must be registered and notified. FBDi association points out the deadline until May 1, 2019 – until this date manufacturers of passive devices must have applied for registration, which can be done on the portal of Stiftung EAR or via service companies (or distributors). The products need to be permanently marked with the crossed out garbage can. Without identification the articles may not be sold in Germany after May 1, 2019. The passive devices need to be registered in the categories 4 to 6. This regulation applies only to devices which are designed for use with a voltage rating not exceeding 1000 volts for alternating voltage and 1500 volts for direct voltage, i.e. antennas, adapters (jack, plug), connectors, sockets (for fixed installation resp. assembly [i.e. wall, floor, machine] or DIN rail), and for fuses. Also not included in German’s ElektroG are components such as cables delivered by the meter, ferrules, ring crimp terminals.

Detailed information regarding registration procedure and obligations arising from German ElektroG for manufacturers are provided on the [website of Stiftung EAR](#).

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### **About FBDi e. V. ([www.fbd.de](http://www.fbd.de)):**

The FBDi e.V. – Fachverband der Bauelemente Distribution e.V. (Professional Association of Component Distribution), founded in 2003, is well-established in the German association community and represents a large portion of distributors of electronic components with operations in Germany. In addition to the preparation and advancement of numerical data and statistics concerning the German distribution market for electronic components, work group engagement and reporting on important industry themes (amongst others, education, liability and rights, traceability, and environmental themes) form essential pillars of the association’s work. The FBDi is a member of the International Distribution of Electronics Association (IDEA).

### **Member companies (as per January 2019):**

**Regular members:** Acal BFi Germany; Arrow Europe; Avnet EMG EMEA; Beck Elektronische Bauelemente; Blume Elektronik Distribution; Bürklin Elektronik; CODICO; Conrad Electronic; Distrelec; Ecomal Europe; Endrich Bauelemente; EVE; Future Electronics Deutschland; Glyn; Gudeco Elektronik; Haug Components Holding; Hy-Line Holding; JIT electronic; Kruse Electronic Components; MB Electronic; Memphis Electronic; Menges Electronic; MEV Elektronik Service; mewa electronic; Mouser Electronics; pk components; Püplichhuisen; RS Components; Rutronik Elektronische Bauelemente; Ryosan Europe; Schukat electronic; TTI Europe.

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