

Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB) Are You Sitting on a Time Bomb?

New regulations concerning the use and holding of PCB have been in force for a couple of years now and require that you as the holder of equipment need to arrange an audit to find out if you have substances or equipment that contains more than 50 ppm of PCB. This would include any PCB filled transformers (the UK trade name for the PCB is probably **Pyroclor**), capacitors, reactors and previously **retrofitted ex PCB filled transformers and surprisingly, many ordinary oil filled transformers.**

- A register must be kept showing the amount of PCB and its location.
- All PCB containing items must be labelled and similar labels affixed to the doors of the premises containing the PCB items.
- A plan must be drawn up showing how and when you propose to legally dispose of all PCBs and PCB containing items
- You must register the amount of PCB you have with the **Department of the Environment**

Failure to register your PCB holdings will mean that it will be illegal to use the equipment by law!!!! Along with a large FINE

Eurotech Waste Management Ltd. (a *Bowers Electricals Ltd.* associate company) specialise in dealing with PCB associated problems including advice, identification of PCBs, analysis, arranging the legal documentation and the removal and legal disposal of PCBs.

We have a more detailed but easy to understand pack of information showing the current legal requirements relating to the regulations that tells you all you need to do to comply. The information pack also describes PCBs and tells you about the affect PCB has on the environment and on human beings. It includes First Aid advice and a suggested policy for dealing with PCBs.

Even if you do not think that your Company owns any PCBs, it is probable that the Environment Agencies will require proof that you have carried out an audit and could demand that samples are taken and analysed to prove that you are PCB free.

We would be happy to send you this more detailed information or visit you, free of charge, to help you identify PCB containing items and guide you through the preparation of plans for disposal and registration with suitable authorities. We can even conduct a short seminar on PCBs and the regulations using either overhead slides or (for small numbers of people) on a computer.

Our only motive for supplying this free information and help is the hope that you would allow us to quote, competitively, for any disposal/replacement work that will be necessary if your Company owns PCBs. Please do not hesitate to contact us.