Administrative Measure on the Control of Pollution Caused by Electronic Information Products
(The "China RoHS" Standards)

China implemented RoHS Standards for toxic substances and elements (i.e., Lead (Pb), Cadmium (Cd), Mercury (Hg), Hexavalent chromium (Hex-Cr), Polybrominated biphenyls (PBB), and Polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE)) in two phases. The Disclosure phase was implemented on March 1, 2007, and the Prohibition phase will be implemented at a later date yet to be determined.

DISCLOSURE PHASE

- Article 13 of the Ministry of Information Industry Order #39 entitled "Management Methods for Controlling Pollution by Electronic Information Products" requires the disclosure of toxic and hazardous substances or elements contained in Electronic Information Products ("EIP") that producers and importers of EIP place on the market in China. Such disclosure is accomplished through the use of special pollution control logos put on the EIP as well as a toxic or hazardous substances and elements table (also known as the "tic-tac-toe" table).

- Intersil does not import products into China. Additionally, Intersil products which are manufactured in China are exported out of China, making Intersil a foreign exporter. The China RoHS Standards do not apply to foreign exporters.

- In circumstances where Intersil sells products to buyers who import and perform further processing of the EIP end products in China, the imported products are exempted from the Marking Standard requirements because it is the obligation of the manufacturer of the EIP end products, not of Intersil, to apply the appropriate marking.

Conclusion: Intersil certifies that its products, identified as Pb-free, including the peripherals, accessories, and packages, do not exceed the thresholds for the RoHS substances. Additionally, for the above reasons, Intersil is not required to comply with Standard SJ/T 11364-2006 entitled "Marking for Control of Pollution Caused by Electronic Information Products", which means that Intersil does not need to apply the special logos to its products nor fill out the toxic substance table. Upon request, Intersil will supply material composition information to the producer or importer who places the EIP end product on the market to permit compliance with the China RoHS Standard.

PROHIBITION PHASE

- Article 15 of the Ministry of Information Industry Order #39 entitled "Management Methods for Controlling Pollution by Electronic Information Products" prohibits the sellers of EIP from importing or producing such products that fail to meet the requirements of Standard SJ/T 11363-2006 entitled "Requirements for Concentration Limits for Certain Hazardous Substances in Electronic Information Products" and which are listed in the official "Catalogue" that has not yet been published.

- EIP must be tested in accordance with Standard SJ/T 11365-2006 entitled "Testing Methods for Hazardous Substances in Electronic Information Products" in order to determine the levels of toxic or hazardous substances and elements. This Standard requires the EIP to be disassembled into basic structural parts and units prior to test, including the disassembly of circuit boards containing integrated circuits.

Conclusion: Intersil is not subject to Standard SJ/T 11363-2006 because it does not put its products on the market in China. The producer or importer who incorporates Intersil products into their EIP end product will need to verify themselves that the EIP they put on the market in China is compliant with the RoHS Standard.

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