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Product Discontinued Notification: HB414

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Dear Valued Customer,

Thank you for your continued support and patronage.

Last year, the Director General of WHO advised that one of the substances in the material used to produce lithium rechargeable battery HB414 will be added to the Convention on Narcotic Drugs (Psychotropic Substances Schedule I). The addition was deferred at the 58<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs this March due to the fact that there would be enormous impact on the industry. However, if this comes into effect, the usage of the substance will not be permitted for industrial purposes.

Although the addition of the substance has not been concluded, large constraints can be expected. We decided to inform our customers ahead of time and enable our customers to prepare for the replacement.

1. Last shipment: end of March, 2016  
(Last order acceptance: end of Dec, 2015)

2. Replacement

There is no exact replacement for HB414, but depending on the conditions, replacement is available.

Ex. ML414H (Lithium rechargeable battery), XH414HG (Capacitor), etc.

3. Terminal

Production of II06E will also be discontinued.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding. For questions and concerns, please contact us through the normal sales channel.

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