



Conflict Minerals (Dodd-Frank Act, Sec. 1502)

The US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has implemented the guidelines of the 2010-“Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act” (Dodd-Frank Act) and enacted the legal requirements and the disclosure on the so-called Conflict Minerals, according to Title XV (Sec. 1502) on 22nd August 2012.

Companies subject to the SEC commitment have to disclose annually products or manufacturing machines containing Conflict Minerals to the SEC in accordance to these regulations. Conflict Minerals in terms of the Dodd-Frank Act, are those which are very important for the electronics industry such as cassiterite (tin), wolframite (tungsten), coltan (tantalum), gold and their derivatives mined in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DCR), or in any other bordering country such as Angola, Burundi, Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Zambia, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and the Central African Republic, and which are used to benefit armed groups in the area.

The aim of these regulations is the reduction of the trade of Conflict Minerals and to ensure a high level of protection for humans and the environment. This general social aim is regarded by ATX Hardware GmbH West as being both worthwhile and indispensable. Business decisions and actions of ATX Hardware GmbH West are therefore always reviewed with regard to environmental- and security-related aspects and their implications.

ATX Hardware GmbH West is always keen to supply ecologically tolerable products in accordance with the applicable rulings in order to play an active role with regard to the shaping of a future that is worth living, and with regard to a peaceful and sustainable use of the resources worldwide.

In our own interest, and to ensure a high standard of product safety we pursue the Dodd-Frank Act requirements intensively. We are taking due diligence within our supply chain to assure that no Conflict Minerals in terms of the Dodd-Frank-Act are in our products nor in our manufacturing machines. After clarification of the situation in the supply chain of our well-known sub-suppliers we declare:

To the best of our knowledge und considering our suppliers' information, we can confirm that there are no Conflict Minerals in terms of the Dodd-Frank Act in the products placed on the market by ATX Hardware GmbH West nor in the used manufacturing machines.

ATX Hardware GmbH West is not subject to the SEC commitment.

Unless otherwise noted, our compliance statement covers the latest revision of the Dodd-Frank Act. This letter was generated electronically and is valid without a signature.